

'Bill before Christmas' as more robbers fire on police Hurd speeds up gun control

● As another man was shot dead by the police yesterday, it was announced that the promised Bill to control firearms will be introduced before Christmas

● The Bill's proposals will include compulsory photo-identity passes, a firearms amnesty and a prohibition on high-powered self-loading rifles

● Scotland Yard last night justified the shooting of the robbers as part of its duty to protect the public and its officers, although the death was regrettable

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is to introduce the promised Bill to control the use and possession of firearms into the Commons before Christmas.

The speed-up comes in the wake of mounting concern among MPs at the number of criminal incidents involving guns.

The Bill will have its second reading as soon as business permits when MPs return to Westminster in January after their Christmas break.

Since the Opposition, too, has been urging action on the stricter control of guns and ammunition and has promised co-operation the Bill is expected to become law within a few months.

Definitive proposals to be included in the new Bill will be published in a White Paper next week when Mr Hurd will make a statement to MPs outlining his plans. They will include:

● Introduction of compulsory photo identity passes for those seeking to buy guns or ammunition.

● Declaration of a firearms amnesty next year.

● Prohibition of the right to own high-powered self-loading rifles of the kind used by Michael Ryan in the Hungerford massacre.

● A ban on the possession of burst fire and short-barrelled smooth bore guns.

● Putting pump action and self-loading shotguns under the same controls as rifles and pistols. Effectively they would be owners will have to prove their need to own the weapons.

● Stipulations that military weapons "converted down" to a lower classification of weapon will remain under the legal restrictions applying to the original weapon.

● New arrangements restricting the present right of visitors to Britain to purchase guns without shotgun certificates.

● A new restriction on owners that shotguns will have to be locked away like rifles and pistols when not in use. A statutory safekeeping condition will be put on all shotgun certificates.

The Government has already raised the penalties for illegal possession of guns in the furtherance of crime to life imprisonment in amend-

ments to the Criminal Justice Bill, now going through Parliament.

The maximum penalty for being in possession of a shotgun without a licence is also being raised to three years in jail.

It is planned that the police will be able to compile registers of shotguns which will give them more knowledge of the guns in existence and

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make it easier to trace those used in the course of crime.

A further tranche of measures will be announced next week. Ministers have been anxious to press ahead as fast as possible but the Home Office has faced problems of definition in framing the legislation.

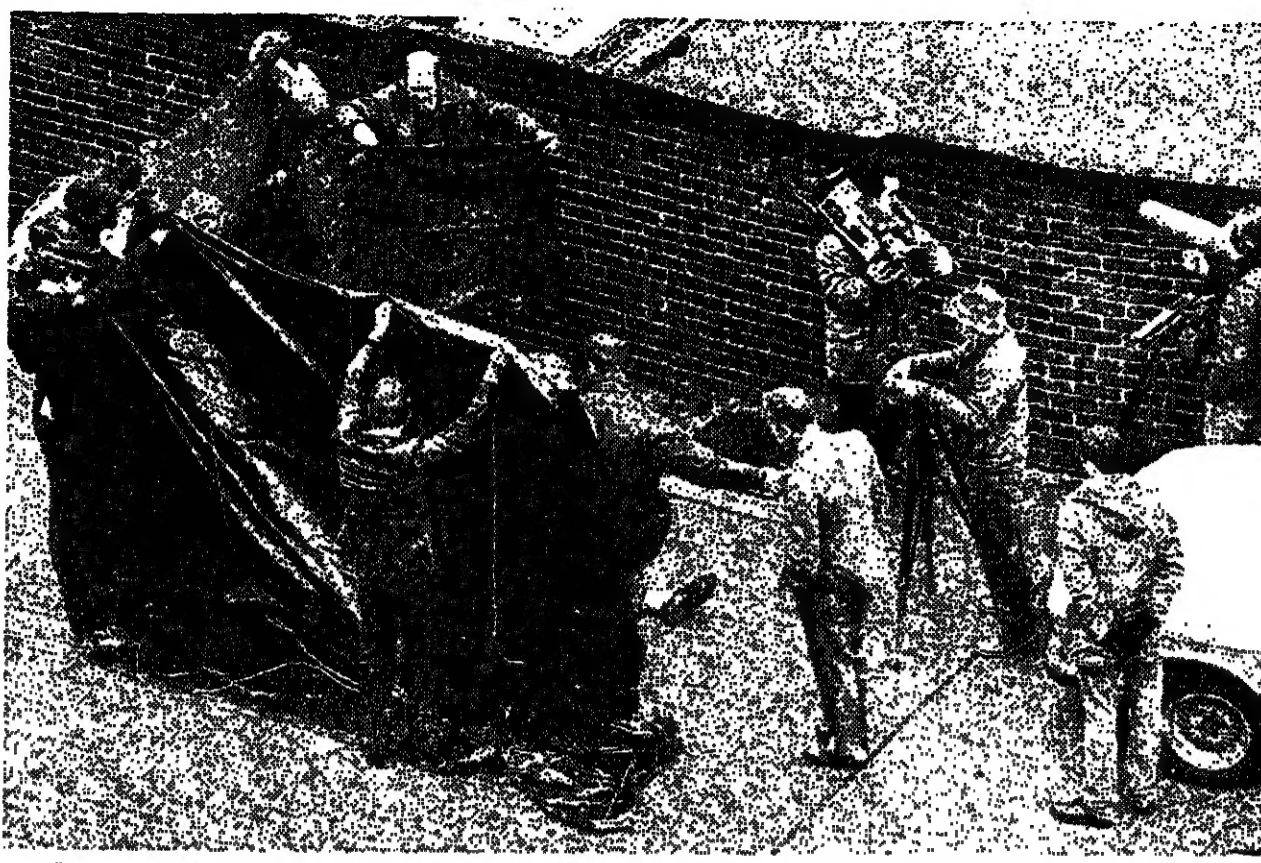
One difficulty faced by the Government is pressure from shooters fearful of overdue restrictions on their genuine sporting activities which they expect to see reflected in the Lords.

Mr Hurd has been at pains to demonstrate that a wide-spread consultation exercise has been carried out and the interests of sportsmen and gun clubs have received due consideration.

MPs have been alarmed at the number of shooting tragedies after the Hungerford massacre when a gun club member went berserk with a Kalashnikov rifle. Their concern was intensified by two shootings in the past two days in which police marksmen have killed gunmen.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Home Secretary, who has been pressing for the kind of timetable which the Home Office now intends to act upon, said yesterday: "The shootings of the last two days make action on the ownership and use of firearms even more urgent."

"Of course this will not in itself stop the criminal and illegal use of weapons but far tighter laws must make it more difficult for guns to fall into the hands of those who might use them for individual and deadly acts of violence." The number of serious offences involving firearms has increased by 61 per cent since 1975.



Police shielding the body of the dead gunman with a tarpaulin. One of the cars used by the gang is on the right.

Yard defends shooting of two gunmen in backstreet ambush

By Ruth Gledhill, David Sapsted and Stewart Tendler

Scotland Yard last night justified the armed police operation which left an armed robber dead on a London street and a second wounded when marksmen sprang an ambush on a gang minutes after a raid.

The commander of the police firearms unit was also wounded in the brief gun battle in Woolwich, south London, after the gang opened fire when challenged to surrender. The death came a day after a gunman was shot by West Country policemen and the dead man is the fourth armed robber killed in London this year.

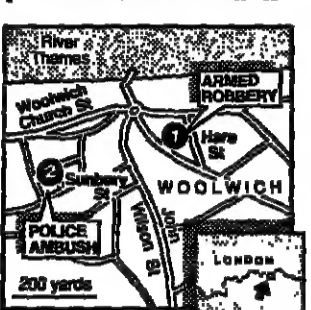
After visiting the scene of yesterday's shooting Mr Brian Worth, Deputy Assistant Commissioner in charge of specialist operations, said: "From what I have seen and heard I have no reason other than to think the action was correct. The operation was authorized and properly carried out. A death is regrettable but we have a duty to protect the public and take measures to protect officers. As long as you have got armed robbers on the streets prepared to shoot you have to take reasonable steps."

Mr Worth, head of all special detective forces at the Yard, spoke as an investiga-

tion into the shooting began under the command of Mr Anthony Grey, Assistant Chief Constable of Surrey, and supervised by the Police Complaints Authority.

Mr Grey will examine details of a gunfight which began as the gang of three raiders was about to change get-away cars in Woolwich after holding up a Securicor van collecting takings from a frozen food shop. The raiders found themselves confronted by a team of police marksmen. Scotland Yard's flying squad had organized an operation in the area after receiving intelligence that a robbery was being planned.

The gang opened fire and



was met by concerted fire from a line of officers armed with handguns or pump-action shotguns. When the smoke cleared one raider lay dead on the street and the robbers' car was badly smashed. The raiders' haul was put at £5,000 in cash.

A trail of spent cartridges led from the bullet-riddled silver BMW used as a get-away vehicle. Side windows and the rear windscreen of the car had been shot out and the doors hung open. A green Securicor bag was also left in the wake of the gun battle.

The robber who opened fire first died in front of the car and another was wounded in the shoulder. A third, uninjured, was arrested. Two robbers were middle-aged and the third is thought to be younger. The gang is thought to come from the Peckham

area of south London. Police recovered two revolvers and six cartridges as well as cash.

The marksman were from the Yard's specialist firearms unit PT17 and the 40-year-old inspector in charge of the unit was hit in the leg. The injured police officer was taken to Brook Hospital, Woolwich, and the injured gunman to Greenwich District Hospital.

The shooting began after the Flying Squad had drafted some 40 officers into the area after surveillance and intelligence work revealed a robbery was to take place yesterday morning. The police did not know the actual target but they did discover the spot where the gang was planning to change cars, and surrounded a row of lock-up garages where the switch would take place.

Shortly before 10 am the Securicor van was held up as it stopped at the Bejam's store in Hare Street, Woolwich. At least one police helicopter was already in the air ready to track the gang's get-away.

Miss Susan Miskin, aged 28, who witnessed the hold-up, said: "I saw two men running. They burst into the Bejam's shop. I was walking towards the shop with a daughter of a friend and I just held her close



Inspector Dwight Atkinson, wounded in the shoot-out.

50 arrests in cross-border Irish swoop

By Michael McCarthy

Nearly 50 people were arrested on both sides of the Irish border yesterday after the biggest security operation ever involving the Irish Republic.

Thousands of police and troops were involved in the cross-border sweep. The operation followed intelligence reports that the IRA had acquired stockpiles of arms huge enough to allow the direct storming of a prison. It is feared the arms include Sam 7 ground-to-air missiles.

Farms, barns, woodlands, outbuildings, homes and garages were searched by 4,000 men of the Garda Síochána, 2,500 men of the Irish Army (a third of the Republic's total security forces), and an undisclosed number of men from the British Army and the Royal Ulster Constabulary, but no major finds had been made by last night. The searches are likely to go on for the rest of the week.

However, "about 40" people, including five local councillors belonging to the IRA's political wing, Sinn Féin, and at least another 20 members of the organization, were arrested by the RUC in dawn raids and were last night being questioned about "serious crimes".

In the south five people were arrested under the Republic's Offences Against the State Act. In Dublin Garda Special Branch officers raided the Sinn Féin national headquarters and the offices of the Provisionals' newspaper, *An Phoblacht*, and took away boxes of documents.

The operation was planned more than a week ago after specific information that four shiploads of arms were successfully landed in the country — two in 1985 and two in 1986 — was received by the Irish Government.

It followed the seizure by

French authorities last month of the IRA arms ship Eksund, loaded with 150 tons of advanced weaponry and explosives, including ground-to-air missiles.

The information about the four previous arms shipments is believed to have come to Dublin from Paris, where the five-man Irish crew of the Eksund are being held after being charged with illegal transportation of weapons for the purposes of terrorism.

The arms that got away are believed to comprise an arsenal of such power and sophistication as to pose a threat not only to the security forces in the north but to the Irish state itself, said the Irish Justice Minister, Mr Gerry Collins.

Mr Collins said yesterday he believed the IRA was planning a large-scale terrorist offensive which might include the storming of the Maze prison in Ulster or Portlaoise jail in the Republic.

But the operation attracted criticism from Ulster Unionist politicians after Mr Collins announced it publicly at a press conference.

Mr James Moynihan, leader of the Official Unionists, said: "When there is that kind of official announcement it would tend to alert those who have something to hide. It would have been wiser to have made use of the element of surprise."

Mr Ken Maginnis, Ulster Unionist MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, said: "I am led to wonder if this is not a publicity stunt to bolster up a failed Anglo-Irish agreement."

Mr Collins said that the Dublin Government was facing "the biggest threat the state" has ever posed to the state", adding that there could well now be Sam 7 ground-to-air missiles in Ireland.

Dollar slips again after deficit pact

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Markets were disappointed yesterday with the \$76 billion cut in the US budget deficit agreed between President Reagan and Congress on Friday.

The dollar opened lower in London before closing off its worst at DM1.6690, down 1.03 pence.

Wall Street was also lower in early dealings. But London share prices rose on the buoyant economic assessment in the latest survey by the Confederation of British Industry and the FT-SE 100 index closed up 24.3 at 1,657.7.

Markets were disappointed by the composition of the budget agreement and by its provisional nature. Congress now has until midnight on December 15 to pass the necessary legislation.

Mr Michael Bateman, a vice-president and general partner of Kidder, Peabody, a US securities firm, has killed himself by jumping from the window of his Manhattan flat. He suffered huge losses in the market crash.

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IN PART 2 Wall St tie-up

Shearson Lehman Brothers and E.F. Hutton, two of Wall Street's largest stockbroking firms, have started merger talks which could result in the formation of the largest securities house in the US. Page 25

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Strategic missiles accord forecast

From Christopher Walker, Geneva

Mr George Shultz, the normally cautious US Secretary of State, yesterday backed the Kremlin's confident claim that a new treaty cutting US and Soviet long-range missiles by 50 per cent can be agreed in time for signing at a fourth Gorbachev-Reagan summit in Moscow next year.

His declaration surprised Western experts, who said it was more confident than anything he has said on the issue. A similar prediction made by Mr Viktor Karpov, chief of the Soviet Disarmament Directorate, was said to be based on Kremlin evaluation of President Reagan's enthusiasm for an arms pact.

"I think it is possible to get a treaty on strategic arms agreed and ratified in 1988," Mr Shultz said in an interview with correspondents covering the talks here aimed at securing an agenda for the third superpower summit opening

on December 7 in Washington. Although these talks aim to secure final agreement on a medium and shorter-range missile treaty for signature in Washington, a pact covering missiles with a range of over

Secretary era ends 7
3,000 miles would also be discussed, officials said.

Such an agreement would be the words of one Geneva-based diplomat be "infinitely superior" to the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty. "It is a measure of progress in US-Soviet relations that such statements can even be made with credibility," the diplomat told *The Times*.

The US Secretary of State said long-range weapons talks faced three main questions: verification, Star Wars, and the "broad parameters of the whole agreement".

Blanket ban on smoking

Smoking is to be banned throughout the London Underground system after the King's Cross disaster, London Regional Transport said last night.

The ban, already in force on trains and Underground platforms, is to be extended to surface platforms and covered areas outside ticket barriers. Sir Keith Bright, the LRT chairman, said:

A new programme of escalator cleaning throughout the Underground system was also announced.

The chairman of the public inquiry into the King's Cross fire, which claimed 30 lives, was announced last night as Mr Desmond Fennell, a senior lawyer who sits as a judge.

"To examine the cause of the accident and the circumstances surrounding it and to report on these and any other matters arising". Asbestos inquiry, page 2

Space research to be lost to Britain

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The first reverberations of the Government's decision not to join an expanded European space programme are being felt by British industry.

Several companies have been told that preparatory design work on the space aircraft Hermes, performed under contract for the European Space Agency, will have to be handed over to firms in countries which are continuing to subscribe to the project.

These design contracts, worth £2 million, were preliminary studies on which the firms would then bid for future work worth hundreds of millions of pounds.

The companies have received letters from Mr Jack Leeming, director-general of the British National Space Centre, reminding them that under European agency rules an industry is not eligible for work on projects which the

home government refuses to support.

Mr Jay Brewer, space manager for Singer Link Miles, which makes training simulators for aircraft, tanks, submarines and ships, described the instruction as bitter news. His company has been leading a consortium, with partners in France and Belgium, whose design for an astronaut training simulator has been short-listed.

The UK Space Centre stressed yesterday that the obligation to hand over work applied so far only to study contracts on Hermes. But that list includes computer systems by British Aerospace, instrument displays from Smiths Industries, and flight control systems by GEC Avionics.

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Agents should 'take their secrets to the grave'

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government's legal fight to stop press reporting of Peter Wright's book *Spycatcher* is based on the simple principle that secret service officers must take their inside knowledge "silent to the grave", the High Court in London was told yesterday.

If the Government allowed mass circulation of *Spycatcher* in this country, known to be Peter Wright's best market, it would "strike at the very foundation of an efficient service," Mr Robert Alexander, QC, said.

Mr Alexander, for the Attorney General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, was opening the government case for a permanent ban to stop *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *The Sunday Times* and

other newspapers publishing material from *Spycatcher*.

The case is contested by the newspapers who are seeking to lift existing temporary injunctions.

Mr Alexander said that in seeking to stop publication of the Wright's memoirs, the government has been exposed to "media ridicule". But the principle was "Members of the secret service should keep secrets, remain mute about their work and take their knowledge of the service silent to the grave."

Mr Alexander told Mr Justice Scott, the judge hearing the case: "The case for the government is extremely simple. It is concerned to establish the principal that those who work for the security service should not speak or write about their work in public and, if they seek to do so, the media should not assist them by

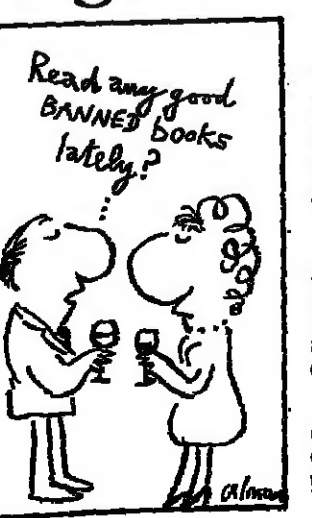
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NEWS SUMMARY

Wildcat strikes cost Ford £7m

A wildcat strike by more than 17,000 hourly-paid workers yesterday cost Ford more than £7 million in lost production as union negotiators told the company a new pay and conditions deal would probably not be enough to settle the dispute.

During talks in London, the company increased its pay offer from 4.2 per cent to 5.5 per cent for the first year of a proposed three-year agreement. Ford offered an additional £35 a year on the pension until the age of 65 for those wishing to retire early. Negotiators also said that men would be paid indefinitely at the full rate if they were laid off. In return, Ford wants to end demarcation and introduce new working practices. Both sides will meet again early next month.

Charity's Theatre first aid

The first project to be undertaken by Inner City Aid, the charity which has the Prince of Wales as patron, is the renovation and repair of derelict, nineteenth century properties in Lambeth Walk, south London.

The scheme, which will provide local community businesses with workshop, office and retail spaces and living accommodation, will cost £53,000.

It was announced yesterday that the brick manufacturer Blockleys, of Telford, Shropshire, will give £24,000 in sponsorship.

Union merger hope

Members of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex), the white-collar union, are expected to vote for a merger with the general workers' union (GMB) when they meet in Scarborough this weekend.

The new union would have a total membership of 890,000, firmly establishing it as the second largest union in the country.

If approved by a conference vote on Sunday, a ballot of all Apex's 80,000 members will be held and the newly merged union could be in existence by the end of next year.

Gift from Murder Sting

The proceeds from a London concert by the rock musician Sting will be given to Schizophrenia: A National Emergency, a charity begun after a campaign in *The Times*, it was announced yesterday.

The concert, at Wembley Arena on December 20, will be in addition to four sold-out performances. Sting's interest in Sane was aroused by Marjorie Wallace, whose series, *The Forgotten Illness*, won her the 1986 campaigning journalist of the year award.

Whitehall swaps rise

Civil Service secondments to industry rose by more than 20 per cent last year. Transfers to industry rose by 51 to 280 and from industry by 32 to 189, Mr Richard Luce, minister responsible for the Civil Service, announced yesterday.

Shortages of junior Civil Servants pose a serious threat to standards of public service among some government departments, notably the Department of Health and Social Security, according to a report, *Reshaping Central Government*, published yesterday. Staff turnover among the lower ranks is running at 30 per cent a year in parts of the south of England.

Shorter week refused by engineering firms

Engineering employers have rejected a claim for a 35-hour week without conditions for up to 1.5 million manual workers. The claim was re-instated at a meeting of representatives of the two sides yesterday after the breakdown of talks which had gone on for four years.

The rejection of the re-instated claim by the Engineering Employers' Federation, which speaks for 5,000 engineering companies, puts negotiations back to square one, with the unions being offered less than a 4 per cent wage increase for workers and no cut in hours. The executive of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions is almost certain to reject the offer at its next meeting on December 3.

Dr James McFarlane, director-general of the employers' federation, told the unions yesterday of his "disappointment" at their rejection of a draft agreement on hours and flexibility. A working party had taken four years to finalise the deal.

Lawson accuses Scots of hostility to enterprise

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

The Scots have become too dependent on the state and adopted a hostile attitude towards enterprise and wealth creation, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said yesterday.

Mr Lawson added his voice to a chorus of senior ministers, including the Prime Minister, who have argued that the Conservative election rebuff means that Britain needs more Thatcherism, not less.

His remarks were a rebuke to Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Conservative MP for Kilmarnock and Deeside, a former energy minister and one of the 10 surviving Scottish Tory MPs, who last Friday condemned ministerial suggestions that the Scots should "stop moaning" and swallow ever stiffer doses of the same policy medicines.

Mr Lawson said that the Scottish economy had made great advances under Conservative rule. It was puzzling

that its greatest detractors were the Scots themselves.

"But despite the undoubted success so far, there is still a barrier along Scotland's road to prosperity. That barrier is the pervasive presence of a hostile attitude to wealth creation, to the enterprise culture on which economic success in a free society depends.

"That is not to say there is no enterprise in Scotland; of course there is. Rather, that it is frequently swamped by an overriding sense of dependence on the state. Large areas of Scottish life are sheltered from market forces, and exhibit the culture of dependence rather than that of enterprise," Mr Lawson told businessmen in Glasgow.

Treasury sources dismissed suggestions that his comments presaged a reduction in public sector support for Scotland.

In a Commons debate on a Liberal motion calling for a devolved Scottish parliament elected by proportional representation, Mr Malcolm Rif-

kind, Secretary of State for Scotland, was embarrassed when a speech he made supporting devolution was read by Mr David Steel.

Mr Rifkind, who sat blushing as a Liberal leader quoted from the speech he made 12 years ago, argued later that he saw certain theoretical attractions in an assembly, but that the overwhelming view of industry and commerce was that an assembly with powers to levy taxation would damage jobs, industry and national economic interests.

Mr Lawson said: "I do not think a Scottish assembly would bring any benefits at all, unless you want higher taxation."

Mr Lawson said Scotland's success could be gauged from a growth in manufacturing productivity of 5 per cent a year from 1979 to 1986, compared with 3.75 per cent nationally. Unemployment, down by 30,000 this year, was falling fast.

Health and safety experts examine Tube fire asbestos

By Tony Dawe

Experts from the Health and Safety Executive have been called into the King's Cross disaster inquiry because of the presence of asbestos in the Underground station, the executive disclosed yesterday.

The scientists are advising the inquiry team on what to do about the asbestos exposed by the fire, which killed 30 people, and are taking air samples to see if the investigators need protective clothing to carry on their work.

The discovery of asbestos briefly halted the fire-fighting operation on the night of the disaster but checks then revealed the levels of asbestos to be low.

The investigators are still concentrating on the mechanism of number 4 escalator and a preliminary report on their findings is expected to be released today at the opening of an inquest on the victims.

Dr Douglas Chambers, the St Pancras coroner, visited King's Cross yesterday to see the scene of the disaster for himself and to talk to the inquiry team.

Nine people were still in hospital last night, and one of them, an unnamed middle-

aged man, was giving doctors at University College Hospital "cause for concern".

Two other people, Miss Mariella Santello, an Italian au pair, and Mr Ron Lipsius, a guitarist, remain in a "critical" condition in intensive care, while the other six patients are said to be "stable".

British Transport police investigating the fire have dismissed the evidence of a commuter who said he saw smoke coming from the escalator more than an hour before the blaze erupted.

An officer told *The Times*: "He gave a false name and address and when we tracked him down we discovered he was known to the police for fabricating stories."

The committee of inquiry into the King's Cross disaster will be failing in its duty if it does not call before it ministers and senior management from the London Underground system, a Labour spokesman said last night (Robin Oakley writes).

In a controversial speech which came close to blaming government expenditure cuts for the tragedy and which

appeared largely to prejudice the investigation, Mr Frank Dobson, Labour's shadow Leader of the Commons and whose Holborn and St Pancras constituency includes King's Cross, called for the inquiry to "feel some famous collars".

He said that it must look into the wider issues of the safety of the London Underground system and the implications of proposed changes in staffing.

He complained that the inquiry into the Herald of Free Enterprise ferry disaster had pinned the blame on three people "at the sharp end", letting company chiefs and ministers "off the hook". No one would be satisfied if the King's Cross inquiry "pointed the finger" at a cleaner or ticket collector or maintenance fitter.

In his speech, delivered at North Westminster School, Mr Dobson said: "If the inquiry doesn't go all the way to the top we will all know it's just another establishment whitewash. If no minister or former minister is required to give evidence we will know the inquiry is not doing its job properly."

Lawyer to head disaster inquiry

By a Staff Reporter

The investigators, who are still concentrating on the mechanism of No 4 escalator, were joined yesterday by Dr Douglas Chambers, the St Pancras coroner.

The appointment of Mr Fennell may cause some controversy because he is active politically and is president of his local Conservative association in Buckingham.

But he has excellent legal qualifications and sits as a crown court recorder and as a judge in the Court of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey.

Aged 54, and married with three children, his main outside interest is the countryside and conservation. Mr Fennell led the fight to prevent London's third airport being sited at Cublington, near his home.

His wife, Susan, said last night: "His main recreation is his work. He is not a railway enthusiast but he does use the Underground, so will have some first-hand knowledge to help him chair the inquiry."

Mr Fennell is the son of a Lincoln doctor and was called to the Bar 28 years ago after being educated at Ampleforth and Cambridge and serving in the Grenadier Guards.



Mr Neville Austin, who had hoped for a career in banking.

Paralysed cyclist wins £700,000 damages

Neville Austin, aged 21, who suffered spinal injuries when he was knocked from his bicycle five years ago was awarded a record £700,000 damages in the High Court in London yesterday.

Mr Austin, of South Eden Park Road, Beckenham, Kent, was left almost completely paralysed and is confined to a wheelchair, although he has learnt to drive.

The accident happened in July 1982 on the A21 near Sevenoaks, Kent, when Mr Austin was about to start studying for his A levels with

the hope of a career in banking.

He was described as a "very keen sportsman and very good competitive cyclist". He was taking part in time trials along the road when he was hit by a car. The damages are to be paid by the car driver, Elizabeth Poole, of World's End Lane, Orpington, Kent, who admitted liability.

The previous highest award for road accident injuries was £580,547 in December 1985 to Beverly Brightman, aged 22, who was left paralysed when the car in which she was a passenger crashed.

Secrets Bill MP is rebuffed

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Prime Minister has refused to meet Mr Richard Shepherd, the Tory backbencher seeking to reform the Official Secrets Act.

He and the fellow sponsors of his Protection of Information Bill, who include a number of privy councillors and former ministers, had hoped to discuss the issue with Mrs Thatcher.

After she had condemned the idea of a backbench MP seeking to reform the law on such a sensitive question, Mr Shepherd wrote to her saying that the question of who

introduced the Bill was of secondary importance and that no member of the Government had yet disagreed with the substance of his Bill.

This seeks to protect information if its dissemination could genuinely harm the country while relaxing the controls on less important information. It also provides for the accused in a secrets case to use the defence that the public interest has not been harmed.

Mrs Thatcher said in her letter: "I still do not believe

that a private member's Bill is the right vehicle for amending the law in this difficult and sensitive area."

She added: "The issues go to the very heart of the functions of Government and the security of the State. For that reason I do not believe it would be fruitful for us to enter into a dialogue about the substance of your Bill."

Mrs Thatcher has said that the Government is framing its own new secrets legislation. Ministers will therefore ensure that Mr Shepherd's Bill does not succeed.

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Shoot-outs and the police Fewer marksmen but death toll rises

By Stewart Tandler
Crime Reporter

Police officers in mainland Britain have opened fired and killed suspects five times in the past 10 months making 1987 a record year for the lethal use of guns by the police.

Until this year there had been only two such deaths in this decade.

In three incidents this year the marksmen were London police officers attempting to foil armed robberies and the fifth death took place this weekend in the West Country when Mr Glyn Davies, aged 29, was killed.

The sudden rise in deaths coincides with recent reforms

in police training and use of firearms.

The number of policemen in England and Wales authorized to use guns has dropped to 8,395 this year from 10,244 in 1985; and the number of operations involving guns has fallen to 2,453 in 1986 from 3,180 in 1983.

Early this year Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, announced a series of 35 reforms in the police use of guns after a lengthy review in the wake of a series of blunders including the mistaken shootings of Stephen Waldorf, Mrs Cherry Groce and John Shorthouse.

The main reforms were the creation of special firearms units in each force on call 24

hours a day; better selection and training; better planning for firearms operations and fresh guidelines on the use of guns.

All authorized police marksmen are issued with a pink identity card which carries on its back the salient features of their position under the law and the procedures they should follow.

The officers are told on the card that they may use only reasonable force. The gun is a last resort and can be used only where the police cannot prevent loss of life or potential loss of life by any other means. The police are also told that opening fire is an individual decision which may be tested in court.

The Woolwich shooting is the latest bloody skirmish in the war between the 120 men of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad and the capital's plague of armed robbers.

It is a world where the robbers, known as "blaggers", go equipped with their "happy bag" - a holdall used to conceal weapons until they are used.

In England and Wales as a whole there were 2,651 armed robberies last year and 2,539 the year before.

Many of the targets are in London which suffers the vast majority of all the country's armed robberies - totalling more than 1,579 cases last year.

Squad who stay on call

Six members of Scotland Yard's PT17 specialist firearms unit, the successors to the D1 Blue Berets, were at the centre of yesterday's incident at Woolwich (Stewart Tandler writes).

The unit, based at a police training centre on the eastern edge of London with a complement of nearly 60, is responsible both for training other police officers in the use of guns and providing highly specialized support. Members of three teams, which each

Police demand Wapping photographs

A demand that national newspapers and freelance photographers should hand over unpublished photographs of violence during the News International dispute at Wapping, east London, was heard in chambers yesterday (Richard Evans writes).

The Police Complaints Authority is seeking a court order forcing *The Independent*, *The Observer*, *Mail on Sunday*, *ITN* and *Thames Television* to hand over photographs and film.

The authority says they contain evidence needed by an inquiry into the behaviour of Metropolitan Police.

TUC ruling

The TUC's "inner cabinet" will decide tomorrow what, if any, action should be taken against the electricians' union over its role in a previous dispute at the News International printing plant at Wapping, east London.

During the *Times* ownership dispute the TUC's inner cabinet was split 11-10 over whether to support the union. The union's first warning to the TUC was issued on November 17. There were 25,000 electricians in the union at the time. The union's first warning to the TUC was issued on November 17. There were 25,000 electricians in the union at the time.

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Doctors accused of 'outrageous sexual assault' on children

By Peter Davenport

The two consultant paediatricians at the centre of the Cleveland sexual abuse controversy were accused yesterday of committing "outrageous sexual assault" on children they examined in hospital.

They were also said to have shown a lack of consideration and humanity in the way they dealt with children and parents and that in many cases youngsters were treated merely as objects.

The highly subjective findings and interpretations by Dr Marietta Higgs and her colleague, Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, had serious ramifications for the well-being of families throughout the country, the inquiry into the Cleveland sexual abuse cases was told.

The allegations were made by Dr Raine Roberts, a Manchester police surgeon and a leading authority on sexual assault, who was called in by parents to carry out independent examinations of their children.

Dr Roberts, who is also a consultant on child sexual abuse to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and a member of the Council of the Association of Police Surgeons of Great Britain, was highly critical of the methods and findings of Dr Higgs and Dr Wyatt.

She said the area of greatest concern was the way in which children and parents had been treated. There had been a lack of respect for the feelings and dignity of the child; in one case a youngster was allegedly subjected to a forcible intimate examination while being held screaming by two nurses behind locked doors.

In her evidence, which ran to 91 pages, Dr Roberts said: "The child cannot distinguish between and assault carried out in a hospital room by a stranger (a doctor) and a similar experience elsewhere."

"I am concerned that some children will suffer lasting harm as a result of being subjected to examinations involving the use of force."

"Paediatricians pride themselves in caring for the whole child and patronize the police surgeon, but yet some are prepared to countenance, or even commit, the outrageous

sexual assault of children in hospital which has occurred in some cases in Cleveland."

Before the evidence of Dr Roberts was heard Dr Higgs admitted on the final day of her cross-examination that in three cases where she had diagnosed that children had been sexually abused while in hospital on safety orders she failed to inform the police, called a police surgeon or take any forensic samples that could have been used to prosecute a perpetrator.

She did not tell nursing staff on the ward or inform hospital authorities but alerted social services.

Asked repeatedly why she had not called the police or police surgeon, she replied: "It's a good question. I just didn't."

Dr Roberts said that in almost all the children she saw in Cleveland, although sexual abuse had been confidently diagnosed, no tests for sexually transmitted diseases had been taken.

The doctors had demonstrated a lack of knowledge about the normal anatomy of a child's genitalia.

In one instance, Dr Higgs and Dr Jane Wynne, a Leeds paediatrician who pioneered the controversial medical technique of reflex anal dilatation as a way of diagnosing sexual abuse, described a child as having no hymen.



Dr Raine Roberts: "Children will suffer lasting harm."

Yet, Dr Roberts said, when she and Dr David Paul, a Harley Street specialist also called in by parents, examined the girl it was present.

There was, Dr Roberts said, frequently an inaccurate, woolly and misleading use of medical terms, and a lack of knowledge of pathological processes.

The paediatricians, she said, appeared to have "followed uncritically" some of the teaching of the Leeds doctors but had gone further in that in many cases they had made a firm diagnosis on the basis of one inadequate examination without considering other factors.

"They have shown lack of judgement in accepting uncritically one point of view whilst ignoring opposing opinions voiced by many paediatricians, paediatric surgeons and others."

"They should have been aware that the interpretation of certain findings was highly controversial and not established as a reliable sign."

Dr Roberts said that the significance and relevance of the finding of anal dilatation was still a matter of considerable doubt and dispute, with many doctors observing the finding in children suffering from other conditions.

She said that in court the two doctors did not appear to have made a thorough search of relevant literature or to have consulted any forensic texts or sought the advice of any forensic expert. Second opinions were sought only from paediatricians known to hold similar views.

Dr Roberts was also critical of Dr Wynne. She said her examinations for the purpose of second opinions were "curious in the extreme", in one case allegedly taking less than one minute.

Dr Roberts's evidence was in direct contradiction to much of what Dr Higgs had said during more than 25 hours on the stand.

Yesterday she appeared to be tired as her evidence drew to a close but once she had finished she sat in a seat behind Dr Roberts as she took the oath.

The inquiry continues today.



David Barber, aged six weeks, whose parents are starting a High Court action today to force a hospital to perform surgery.

Heart boy too ill for hospital switch

By Craig Seton

The parents of a critically ill baby boy whose heart operation has been postponed five times yesterday rejected an offer of treatment at a private hospital after doctors said their son could die on the journey to London.

Mr Phillip Barber, aged 28, and his wife, Diane, will go to the High Court in London today to start proceedings to force the Birmingham Children's Hospital, to carry out an operation on their son, David, aged six weeks.

The child has a hole in the heart and a missing valve and although he has been a patient at the hospital awaiting surgery since his birth, the operation has been repeatedly put off because only four intensive care beds can be staffed.

Last week the hospital, which is a regional centre for

heart surgery, stopped new admissions of all children requiring intensive care and two critically ill babies were transferred to Liverpool.

Yesterday, Mr Barber said they were at first "overjoyed" when the private Old Court Clinic in Ealing, west London, offered to carry out the £15,000 operation free of charge. But then doctors told them that their son could die on the 100-mile journey.

Last night Mr Tony Rust, the Barbers' solicitor, visited the hospital to find out if the child was likely to be operated on before today's court action, but he was told there was no such chance.

Afterwards he said: "This is a life and death matter. If the doctors are saying that he might die on a journey to London, then it must be a matter of life and death."

"The hospital has said that

if his case becomes an emergency they will operate. The parents are saying that it is an emergency now."

Mr Rust said that the baby's mother could not even pick up her seriously-ill son for more than a few minutes because handling him meant that he started to turn blue.

Mr Barber, from Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, said: "David is getting weaker all the time. The longer this goes on, the less chance there is that he will survive the operation."

Mr Babul Sethi, a consultant cardiologist, said: "It is an altogether outrageous situation and totally unsatisfactory."

"David's life is not in danger while he is in the hospital, but if we are able to operate in the next few days he would be fine."

Administrators at the hospital insisted that the crisis in the intensive care unit was not caused by lack of money but a shortage of nurses trained in intensive care.

Heart specialists blamed the West Midlands Regional Health Authority for its failure to train staff.

Yesterday, the chairman of all five Birmingham Community Health Councils said an extra £10 million was needed immediately to restore services to last year's level. They said the crisis is "threatening patients' lives".

Ms Kaylee Davidson, who became one of the world's youngest heart transplant patients when she had the operation at the age of five weeks, was yesterday allowed to leave hospital and return to her home in Washington, Tyne and Wear.

IRA link 'prejudiced' bombs trial

The six men jailed for life for the Birmingham public houses bombings suffered "considerable prejudice" because they stood trial with three men who had alleged IRA associations, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Lord Gifford, QC, on the sixteenth day of the appeal at the Central Criminal Court by the six against their 21 murder convictions, claimed there had been severe and foresee-

able prejudice at their trial.

He told the court: "Maybe the judge did not appreciate the dangers from the papers before him, but it must have been clear to anyone experienced in criminal trials."

Lord Gifford continued his submission by claiming the six suffered prejudice by standing trial with three other defendants: Michael Sheehan, Michael Murray and James Kelly.

He alleged those men were members of or gave assistance to IRA activities in Birmingham and the case for their alleged parts in the "wider conspiracy" could have been tried separately.

Those three defendants had not been involved directly in anything relating to the events of November 21, 1974 when bombs exploded in the Mulberry Bush and Tavern in the Town public houses.

The six appellants, all from Birmingham, are: William Power, aged 42, of Cranwell Grove; Patrick Hill, aged 42, of Kilburn Road, Kingstanding; John Walker, aged 52, of Enderby Road, Kingstanding; Robert Hunter, aged 41, Riley, Kingstanding; Richard McKelvey, aged 53, Epsom Grove, Kingstanding; and Hugh Callaghan, aged 57, Stanwell Grove, Erdington.

The hearing continues.

Japanese continue conquest of Paris

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

The Japanese are continuing to clean up the best of French painting on offer in Paris, buying as much as one third of the modern paintings sale on Sunday night and marking up two further world records for France.

The first was for "Portrait of Madame D", of 1938, by Marie Laurencin. A Parisian bohemian during the Twenties and Thirties, she was disdained by collectors until the Japanese taste for line and pastel colour came along. Estimated at FF1.5 million to FF2 million, it sold for FF3.6 million (£360,000).

Paintings by their countrymen who worked as artists in Paris this century were also popular among the Japanese. The second record was for a painting of Parisian posters on a wall by Takano, Ogata (1901-1986). Estimated at up to FF500,000, it fetched FF1 million.

A still life with pheasants by another Japanese, Parisian Tsuguharo Leonard Foujita (1886-1968), fetched FF520,000.

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Other high prices included FF7.2 million (£720,000) paid by a Japanese dealer for "Trinities: a Giverny", a riverscape in sugary pink and blue tones by Claude Monet. FF3.5 million (£350,000) for a drawing of a ringmaster on his horse by Toulouse-Lautrec; FF1.1 million (£110,000) for a seascape at Bordeaux by Boudin; FF1.1 million for a landscape; at Portofino by Camille Pissarro; and FF2.4 million for a street scene in Brittany by Utrillo. Braque's Cubist painting, "Le Concert", sold for FF7.8 million (£780,000).

Paris's second sale on Sunday was of furniture and objects of art, totalling FF110 million, with FF3 million worth bought in. The top price was FF3 million (£300,000) for a small commode attributed to Gaudreau or Cressent, while a large thirteenth-century rug sold for FF2.5 million (£250,000).

At Sotheby's sale in London yesterday of Indian, Himalayan and South-east Asian art, a Japanese private collector, bought the top lot, a large, third-century Gandhara figure of the Bodhisattva Maureya, for £17,500.

ITV unveils nine new drama series

By Lynda Mardin, Arts Correspondent

Nine new drama series costing a total of £20 million have been announced by ITV for its forthcoming winter schedule, as part of an attempt to get back its position in the ratings battle.

The ITV companies reached what was probably an all-time low last winter and spring in the war for audiences, Mr Greg Dyke, controller of programmes at Thames Television, admitted yesterday.

Saturday nights in particular are to be given an injection of material other than frothy light entertainment.

The new drama series, running from January to the end of March, including *Hannay*, starring Robert Powell as the John Buchan hero, *London's Burning*, Jack Rosenthal's television play about firemen now developed into a series, and *Hard Cases*, in which John McEnery leads a team of probation officers.

As well as drama, the "big movie" will also return to Saturday evenings, beginning with three James Bond films, starring Roger Moore. For the

first time, these will be transmitted on consecutive weeks.

This Is Your Life is also to return to the screen. The three programmes completed by Eamonn Andrews before his death earlier this month are to be shown during a series of classic examples of the show from the past.

Mr David Elstein, director of programmes at Thames Television, said it had been decided to run the three programmes after consultation with Mr Andrews' widow and people featured in the shows.

He said a search was still under way for a successor to continue the show next autumn. He had a list of 20 possibilities, six of them favourites, and he had not ruled out the possibility of a woman as presenter.

Other plans for the winter include a six part adaptation by Keith Waterhouse of the adventures of the cartoon hero, Andy Capp.

There will also be a lavish new game show, *You Bet!* hosted by Bruce Forsyth.

Killer had been freed by court

Three weeks before a former Rampton patient killed a schoolteacher with a 42lb stone, a psychiatrist had told magistrates the man could be sent back to hospital.

Instead the magistrates, in Bradford, West Yorkshire, freed Sidney Manley, aged 30, for assessment, Leeds Crown Court heard yesterday.

Manley was first admitted to a psychiatric hospital when he was 15, the court heard. He was sent to Rampton aged 17 after he attacked two female patients when his advances were rejected.

Manley, of Kings Road, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, was discharged against his will in 1981.

His appearance before magistrates in Bradford just before the killing was for breaching a probation order. After being sent for assessment with the psychiatrist, Manley went to live in a flat in Bradford.

He was jailed for life after pleading guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. His victim, Mr Donald Swaine, aged 48, lived at Hazelhurst Road, Heaton, Bradford.

Thatcher's call to women

By Sheila Gann, Political Staff

The Prime Minister disclosed yesterday that she sends back the short lists of candidates for top jobs to her officials unless they contain at least one woman's name.

Generation after generation of women had left university. Many had gone on to become magistrates, local councillors or to run their own businesses. However, there were still far too few women "at the top", Mrs Margaret Thatcher said.

"I am always trying to get more women's names put forward. Sometimes you find one or two, but if you are not careful the same names tend to be on everything."

"I do send them back because there must be others. There may be an enormous resource to tap and I still want more women at the top."

Britain's first woman Prime Minister was speaking at 4 St James's Square, south-west London, to the first woman MP to take her seat, Lady Astor.

In doing so she revealed both the debt she owes to Lady Astor, who entered the Con-

mons in November 1919, and to the women suffragettes. At the late Lady Astor's London home she met members of the Astor family and the 300 Group, campaigning for more women in Parliament and public life.

Other women have begun to filter through in some of the recent appointments. For example Miss Tessa Slesby, the new head of the United Kingdom disarmament delegation, and Miss Anne Mueller, who has gone as permanent secretary to the Treasury.

Mrs Thatcher has been criticised in the past for not putting other women in the Cabinet. She still insists she is against "positive discrimination" for women. However it is known she has her eye on Mrs Angela Rumbold, the Minister of State for Education and Science, as future "Cabinet material".

The increase in women MPs at the general election from 28 to 41 among 609 male colleagues is not enough, she said. "It is a great disappointment that we have not got more. Nancy Astor knew what

I sometimes know, that until there are more of us in the Commons — and right at the top — we will be too conspicuous merely by being women."

"When people ask me what it is like to be the first woman Prime Minister I reply that I could hardly be the first man Prime Minister could I?"

Paying tribute to the first woman MP to take her seat she said: "I am a great admirer of Nancy Astor and if you think what kind of person you would need to go into that totally male-dominated House of Commons you would have chosen Nancy Astor."

"You needed tremendous courage and a proper sense of your own views. You needed determination and a certain sense of style and Nancy Astor had them all."

It was not only in Westminster that more women were needed.

Turning to *The Times* she added: "Maybe you should look at your own profession. How many women editors and heads of department are there? Not enough."



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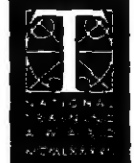
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Liberal plan for Scots assembly comes under fire

In a debate on Scottish devolution initiated by the Liberal Party, Mr David Steel, the party leader, said that the number of Scottish MPs at Westminster should be reduced when an assembly was established in Edinburgh.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said in reply that such a system would inevitably lead to the creation of two classes of MPs in the Commons. It would produce the gravest constitutional anomaly, he said.

Mr Steel opened the debate and moved a motion calling for a Scottish parliament, elected by proportional representation, with revenue-raising powers and legislative authority on all matters of public policy relating to Scotland, except for defence, international affairs and the UK economy.

He began by quoting what he later revealed were the words of Mr Rifkind in 1976. Mr Rifkind had said then that Scotland was the only territory on the face of the Earth without a legislature to improve, amend and reorganize its own legal system.

Mr Rifkind had said that, for all practical purposes, the Secretary of State for Scotland was the Scottish Prime Minister. His department covered areas that in the rest of Britain were the responsibility of eight or nine ministers. He had pointed out that the Scottish Office had more civil servants than the European Commission.

The arguments that Mr Rifkind had put then were the same today. He was therefore astonished to see that Mr Rifkind had put his name to a Government amendment which rejected as irrelevant the arguments for constitutional change.

Mr Rifkind had referred to the "ultra-unionists" who believed that, merely by establishing a Scottish assembly, the British identity and nationality would be dissipated. Mr Rifkind had said that he had more faith in the British identity, as shared by the people of Scotland, than those ultra-unionists.

Opinion polls over the years showed that support for a

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completely independent assembly for Scotland had increased. "So how the Government can refer to lack of evidence of popular demand in its amendment beats me."

He believed that the case for decentralization of government and the establishment of a Scottish parliament was undeniable. Did Scottish politicians have the wit and vision to be able to secure a united majority behind any particular set of proposals?

In 1913, the House passed the Home Rule Bill at second reading. The legislation got no further because of the outbreak of the First World War, but the principle had been approved by the House.

In the referendum of 1979, a total of 52 per cent had voted in favour of the assembly then proposed and 48 per cent had voted against.

The reasons for the lack of enthusiasm were political pre-occupation and defects in the substance of the package on offer.

First, there was the lack of revenue-raising powers for the proposed Scottish assembly.

In the computer age, it should be easy for a Scottish assembly — he preferred the word parliament — to have the powers to raise income tax and sales tax. It would not be a proper parliament unless it could raise money for its own expenditure.

The second reason the previous proposals did not get a sufficient majority to be enacted was the deliberate attempt to ignore the royal commission comment by Lord Kilbrandon that any assembly should be constituted by proportional representation.

The third reason was the failure to meet the argument that the proposals would add an extra layer of government and bureaucracy.

"That is why the Liberals say we would streamline local government to reduce it to a single tier, under the Scottish

parliament, so as not to increase the layers of Government."

The Liberals also accepted that the number of Scottish MPs at Westminster should be reduced and brought into line with the present ratio of representation for England and Wales. They would also abolish the post of Secretary of State for Scotland.

"I believe that Edinburgh could once again have a centre of political power, controlling the development of culture and education, the legal system and being custodian of our history and separate church identity."

Over the past year he had witnessed at first hand state elections in West Germany and Canada. They possessed a local political dynamism, power and interest wholly different from the United Kingdom local election experience. This country was the most over-centralized in Europe.

The Scottish assembly building in Edinburgh should have its promise fulfilled and Edinburgh should have its heart restored.

Mr Rifkind moved an amendment, rejecting as irrelevant to the wellbeing of Scotland arguments for constitutional change for which there was no evidence of popular demand.

He said that he felt no concern at all at Mr Steel's quoting from his earlier speech.

"My views have not changed. Now, as then, I can see certain theoretical attractions in allowing within Scotland purely Scottish matters to be determined by an elected Scottish assembly."

He had been correctly quoted as saying that there was no other territory with its own legal system that did not have its own legislature to legislate for the needs of that legal system.

There was no other part of the world where one territory in an otherwise unitary state was provided with a devolved parliament and government of the kind proposed.

Ten years ago there was an argument, such was the demand of the people of Scotland, that the break-up of the union was the necessary and inevitable alternative.

"I must confess, like many others, did to some extent, succumb to that kind of argument."

"I believed then, and now, that the only basis on which you can introduce and implement a constitutional anomaly and fun-



Mr Malcolm Rifkind (right), the Secretary of State, who clashed in the Commons yesterday with Mr David Steel (top left) and Mr John Maclean.

damental defect would be if there was an overwhelming demand."

But they had seen that the overwhelming majority was against devolution. Within 24 hours of the result of the referendum being announced, he had made clear his view that there was no basis for the fundamental constitutional change.

Mr Robert Maclean, leader of the SDP, intervened to say that this was not a constitutional anomaly unknown to Britain. There had been 30 years of devolved government in Northern Ireland, but the House had not attempted to curtail the voting powers of MPs from Northern Ireland. There was no reason for Scottish MPs to be deprived of the same rights as those Ulster MPs had.

Mr Rifkind replied that the establishment of a Northern Ireland assembly (Stormont) had led first to a substantial reduction in Ulster MPs and then to the end of a Secretary of State for Irish Affairs and the

almost total removal of Ulster's ability to influence successive UK governments over the next 30 years on matters affecting Ulster equally with the rest of the UK.

If Mr Maclean wanted Scotland to have such influence, he had made clear his "damning to his cause."

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Mr John Maclean, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that, despite supporting the principle of devolution, the Labour Party would not vote for the motion because it included proportional representation.

"We do not believe that proportional representation will serve either the interests of Scotland or the interests of the rural communities which so concern Liberal members."

The Labour Party's proposal

was for two members in a Scottish assembly for each of the present constituencies, because that would give a higher proportion of seats for the rural communities and that was true proportional representation.

His party sought a commitment from the Liberal Party to support Labour proposals rather than indulging in extraneous matters. The Labour Party would support a 10-minute Bill coming before the House later in the week on the subject of devolution for Scotland.

The Secretary of State for Scotland had clearly forgotten any principles he had had. From supporting devolution in 1978 he had moved dramatically and spectacularly to the right in opposing it.

While trying to squirm out of it, the reason that Mr Rifkind was no longer a devolutionist was because the Prime Minister was not a devolutionist and he put his position in the Cabinet higher than he put his principles on devolution or the people of Scotland.

Mr Robert Crier (Bradford South, Lab) asked for an explanation of the safeguards over secondments.

Civil servants kept the private sector at arms length when dealing with grant arrangements, but on retirement, at an early age and on a substantial pension, senior civil servants had a habit of landing board room jobs at very high salaries.

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Mr Luce said that it was outrageous to suggest any form of corruption. There were tight procedures for those taking outside jobs on retirement from the Civil Service.

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Elgin Marbles 'will have to stay in Britain'

It was the Government's view that the Elgin Marbles were legally obtained and that they should remain in the British Museum, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, said amid Conservative cheers during questions.

He said that the museum trustees "consider it in the general interest to maintain the integrity of the museum's collection for the benefit of international scholarship and the enjoyment of the public."

Mr Nicholas Baker (North Dorset, C) said that if the Marbles were returned to Greece it would be "a dagger blow between the shoulder blades" for those who benefited from a classical education.

The Greek Government could not put the marbles up on the Parthenon and would have to store them in a museum.

Mr Luce said that six other Western European capitals had some of the Parthenon sculptures in their possession.

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He agreed with Mr Baker that to return the Marbles to Greece would lead to an international cry for the return of such treasures from museums all over the world.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab): "Many people in Britain and Greece believe the Marbles were stolen from Greece."

"It would do a great deal to encourage friendship between our two countries for Britain to return the Marbles as Greece desires, much as Venice has asked for the bones of Casanova to be returned."

Mr Luce said that he had sympathy for those who felt that if Britain started down that road there would be no end to the number of objects of art that we would have to dispose of. "I do not think it makes sense."

Corruption charge angrily denied

A suggestion that the taking of board room jobs on retirement by civil servants was a form of corruption was dismissed as "outrageous" by Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, during Commons questions.

The exchange came during questions about the secondment of personnel between industry and the Civil Service. Mr Nicholas Soames (Crawley, C) had said that progress on exchanges was lamentably slow and there ought to be a drive to encourage such moves.

Mr Luce said there had been a 22 per cent increase in outward secondments in 1985 and 1986 and a 20 per cent increase in inward secondments from the private sector. That was not bad.

Dr John Marek, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, asked how, in operating the scheme, account was taken of low pay in the Civil Service compared with high pay in industry?

Mr Luce said that those going inward had their salaries paid by the Civil Service while, if new recruits, some topping-up by their employer, and those going outward were paid at the standard Civil Service level.

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Thatcher queries rejected

Labour MPs attempted to raise questions in the Commons about the involvement of Mr Mark Thatcher, the Prime Minister's son, in Electronic Data Systems, an American company which was said to be seeking contracts with the Department of Health and Social Security.

Mr David Wainick (Walsall North, Lab) said that the Speaker should reject whether the register of MPs' interests ought to include information from the Prime Minister about her son.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that Mr Wainick could put the matter to the Select Committee on Procedure.

In reply to other MPs, he said that he had no responsibility in the matter.

Lord Jenkins to take seat

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the former Labour Cabinet minister and a founder of the Social Democratic Party, will take his seat in the House of Lords on December 1.

Ilea fights for County Hall home

The Inner London Education Authority took its case to avoid eviction from its County Hall headquarters to the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The Ileas is contesting a decision by the High Court in May to uphold the London Residuary Body's notice to quit given last October.

The Ileas, a non-profit educational authority, which has a staff of 3,000 at County Hall facing the Houses of Parliament, must move by next April unless its appeal is successful.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC, for the Ileas, argued that the London Residuary Body, set up by the Government to dispose of the assets of the abolished Greater London Council, should not be allowed to act in a way which prevented the education authority from carrying out its statutory duties to provide education in the capital.

The authority argues that staying at County Hall would avoid large-scale disruption to education.

The hearing continues today.

Electricity costs

'Whingeing' CBI criticized

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Criticism of the CBI for complaining about the recently announced increase in electricity prices was voiced in the Commons by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy.

During question time, he told MPs that electricity accounted for only a small fraction — less than 2 per cent on average — of industries' total production costs and had a limited effect on most industries' competitiveness.

He was replying to Mr John Marshall (Hendon South, C), who said that for large users of electricity, costs in the UK were lower than in any other major EEC country.

It was time that the CBI stopped whingeing about electricity prices and instead congratulated the Government on that happy state of affairs.

Mr Parkinson replied that that was a very strong point.

"Our electricity prices are, and this is agreed between industry and the electricity suppliers, extremely competitive."

"They account on average for about 2 per cent of our costs. Next year's increases would amount, in effect, to one sixth of 1 per cent of industrial costs."

"Of course industry does not

like costs going up, but I think it overstates its case."

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that the dismay and astonishment expressed by industry at the monster increases in electricity prices was an indication of the considerable difficulties that they would impose.

Industries such as textiles, which used a large amount of electricity, recognized that as a big additional on-cost.

It was a kick in the teeth for that industry, which played an important role in trying to reverse the decline in important regions of the country.

Mr Parkinson replied that prices, even after the increases, would be about a half of those of Japan and nobody had ever complained that Japan was uncompetitive because of its electricity prices.

He had held a subsequent meeting with the CBI, after its initial reaction. It had left his department saying that it was reassured.

Mr John Garrett (Norwich South, Lab) said that a study by Price Waterhouse showed that prices for electricity to industry would rise by more than 20 per

cent because financial targets set by the Treasury did not take into account bulk discounts.

Mr Parkinson said Mr Garrett was mixing up a number of things. The Price Waterhouse report was commissioned to study the make-up and workings of the bulk supply tariff under the last price regime.

It had nothing to do with the price increases he had announced.

Complete abolition of standing charges for gas and electricity services — to help pensioners and other people on low incomes — would have the effect of sharply increasing prices and, therefore, hitting those very people hardest, Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

Mr Henry Greenwood (Ealing North, C) had referred to the "extreme pressure upon pensioners" of standing charges.

He wanted Mr Morrison to see what could be done to persuade the two industries to abandon, or diminish, standing charges for pensioners.

Mr Morrison said that complete abolition would cost £1.10 million.

"That would mean rises in rates, so some two million pensioner households would be likely to pay more."

Wind unlikely ever to be a major electricity source

The Government has invested £22 million since 1979, and is at present investing about £4 million a year, in the development of wind-generation of electricity, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

He agreed that one problem for development was the low rate of return that producers were being paid for the electricity they generated and fed into the grid. They needed to improve the rate of return from the electricity industry.

Mr Parkinson spoke of the experimental, 3 megawatt, 60-metre diameter wind turbine generator at Bursill Hill, Orkney, which he had inaugurated on November 10. After commissioning, it would undergo a

comprehensive two-year monitoring programme.

Generators had also been or were being built at Carmarthen Bay, Pembrokeshire, and Llanabon.

Dr Michael Clark (Rochford, C) would the minister agree that wind power has a significant part to play in generating electricity, particularly in remote areas, and that the technology would be useful to the Third World, but that it is unlikely that wind power will ever play an important role, and that it is therefore essential that we continue to invest in nuclear and coal-fired power stations?

Mr Parkinson: I agree. I cannot honestly see the day when we shall be generating

large quantities of electricity from wind.

"It would take 150 of them to replace a medium-size 500 megawatt coal-fired power station. It takes a lot of room."

Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland, L) said that there was considerable export potential and it would be much better if development work were done in the United Kingdom than in the United States.

He asked whether the Energy Act, 1983, might be changed to secure more advantage from the generating boards for developers.

Mr Parkinson: The working of the 1983 Act has been disappointing. The matter has regularly been raised by independent producers.

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The hearing continues today.

Survey to aid crime prevention

Residents voice their fears

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Residents of a London borough are taking part in a detailed crime survey in the hope that it will indicate the kind of counter measures needed.

The Hilldrop Project, involving 1,500 people in Islington, north London, is being carried out by Islington Council's police and community safety committee in conjunction with the Centre for Criminology at Middlesex Polytechnic.

Sixty-nine per cent of people surveyed in the Hilldrop area saw crime as a problem.

A firebomb believed to have been planted by Welsh extremists exploded at a holiday chalet site yesterday, almost exactly eight years after the campaign protesting over English property buyers began. Another device was defused by an army bomb disposal team.

The devices were found in the porches of chalets at the village of Brithdir, near Dolgellau in Gwynedd. The first one scorched woodwork.

Planning permission had been given for 40 holiday chalets at the site, but when a development company from Oldham, Greater Manchester, bought the land it was refused

next only to unemployment. They will be questioned again in a year's time to see how effective the project has been.

There were worries about being burgled (52 per cent), being robbed in the street (51 per cent), rape (59 per cent of women), and sexual harassment (52 per cent of women).

More than 30 per cent of residents, and 48 per cent of women, often or always avoid going out after dark because of fear of crime.

The project against crime

will involve several organizations, reflecting the belief that law enforcement bodies can be more effective when linked with others.

Forty-eight per cent of the public were dissatisfied with their treatment when contacting police in the past 12 months. Almost half felt similarly about the social services, 60 per cent with the housing department and 53 per cent with the neighbourhood office. Seventy eight per cent thought there were too few foot patrols.

An anti-crime exhibition should be mounted in local schools, libraries, youth clubs, and neighbourhood offices.

The report advocates the setting up of a neighbourhood watch scheme

approval by the Snowdonia National Park Authority for them to become permanent to the Welsh Office, resulting in protests from nationalists and the Welsh Language Society. Seventeen of the chalets have been completed.

Last June, an organization called Sons of Glynwr claimed responsibility when a firebomb was planted at Aberoch. A fortnight later, incendiary devices were found 60 miles apart outside a housing development at Abergale and on the steps of government offices at Porthmadog.



Keith Best, fined £4,500 over BT share dealings.

Best allowed appeal over BT conviction

Keith Best, the former Conservative MP for Ynys Mon, yesterday won leave to appeal against his conviction for dishonestly making multiple British Telecom share applications.

Best had his four-month jail sentence set aside by the Court of Appeal last month. The £3,000 fine, imposed at Southwark Crown Court on September 30, was increased to £4,500.

Yesterday, Mr Justice Owen referred his application to a full Court of Appeal hearing, is not expected before the new year.

Myth of vaccine damage, by doctor

Whooping cough vaccine carries no risk and the belief that it causes brain damage in children, at best, more on "mythology than science", a neurologist told the High Court yesterday.

Dr John Stephenson, a consultant paediatrician in neurology at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, told Mr Justice Stuart-Smith that "any evidence suggesting a possible causal link had 'evaporated'". In his opinion, there was "no risk" attached to the vaccine.

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Six million adults have trouble coping with the three Rs

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Six million adults have basic problems with reading, writing, spelling or simple arithmetic, according to the Government's Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit.

At least 300,000 of those cannot read or write at all in practical terms — at a time when jobs for the unskilled are becoming scarcer.

More than a quarter of the six million had not been identified as having problems and received no special help when at school — although one in 10 was known to teachers to be having difficulty.

The figures are given in a report on a detailed study of data gathered during the most recent National Child Development Study in 1981, involving all the children born in one week in 1958.

Miss Annabel Hemstedt, of Lancaster University, who helped analyse the data for the skills unit and the Manpower Services Commission, said the figure of six million, or 13 per cent, was "if anything a conservative estimate".

The commission, which helped fund the study, estimates that three million of the workforce are functionally illiterate.

The skills unit estimate also includes people who have assessed themselves as having

basic literacy or numeracy problems, which could include those who judge themselves harshly.

For example, 30 per cent had an O level equivalent and 8 per cent of the people with "basic problems" in the survey have a qualification at A level or higher. These, Miss Hemstedt said, were probably people who could read and write well, but had trouble with arithmetic.

The worst problem for adult illiterates is getting — not necessarily holding down — a job, especially where this requires form filling. Training is also an acute problem.

She said that as all the adult illiterates and innumerates in the study had been tested at school, there was obviously a "mismatch" between what is taught in school and what is seen as competence in everyday life.

But since the people in the survey are now nearly 30 years old, this may not be a direct comment on current education policies.

Mr Alan Wells, director of the skills unit, said that the Government's plan to introduce tests at the ages of seven, 11 and 14 would necessarily wipe out the problem of school-leaver illiterates. "Tests are not absolute predictions of the problems

encountered in later life", he said.

People in the "illiterate" group are twice as likely to be receiving benefit, have a high unemployment rate and are more likely than others to come from overcrowded, poorer homes, with poorly educated parents.

However, 9 per cent of former public school pupils admitted having "basic skills difficulties" compared with 17 per cent who had gone to secondary moderns and 13 per cent from comprehensives.

Contrary to popular theory, hearing and sight difficulties are not usually associated with reading and writing problems, but speech defects and late development in talking are strongly connected.

A recent report to the commission said that the degree of illiteracy in Britain "may reflect the fact that the world outside the classroom makes more complex demands than the ability to follow through a reading scheme".

Mr Brian Holmes, who has worked between the skills unit and the commission on the study, said that it was critical to incorporate literacy schemes into vocational training as people would then be more likely to take part.

'Fines' for shoddy solicitors

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors found guilty of shoddy work face tougher sanctions from the Solicitors' Complaints Board.

As well as being ordered to hand back part or all of their fees, they may be asked to take compulsory education courses.

The board's new powers to tackle complaints of "shoddy work" came into force in January under the Administration of Justice Act, 1985.

Since then, there have been several hundred complaints from the public alleging "shoddy work".

Mr Philip Ely, chairman of

the adjudication committee, said that the penalties imposed tended to concentrate on ordering a solicitor to reduce the bill and hand money back to the client.

"But this remedy is not always appropriate; the client is not always happy to settle for money, and we have therefore decided in appropriate cases to use the new powers to impose conditions on a solicitor's current practising certificate."

These conditions might stipulate that the solicitor should attend an appropriate course of further education on

a subject connected with the complaint, Mr Ely said.

If the complaint shows poor management skills, the board might stipulate the solicitor went to a management course or call in management consultants.

Mr Ely said that most complaints had related to delays and muddles in accounts procedures. They have increased total complaints to nearly 20,000 a year.

Before January, the society could deal only with complaints serious enough to amount to professional misconduct.

Piano duet helps Aids victims



Jocelyn Abbott and Richard Mapp beginning a 24-hour non-stop piano duet yesterday, to be performed by pianists in relays in the foyer of the Festival Hall on London's South Bank. The event is for the charity, Crusaid, which since it was formed last year has raised £750,000 to help victims of the disease Aids (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Civil Servants vote to strike

By Roland Rudd

The Militant-controlled Civil and Public Services Association has voted for a one-day national strike on Friday at all Department of Employment offices in protest at the Government's decision to use Youth Training Scheme trainees.

The result surprised leading union moderates who were sceptical of using further strike action in protest at the Government's trainee policy, which is not opposed by all Civil Service unions.

A spokesman for the ministry yesterday said the Government regretted the union's decision to take industrial action, but made it clear the policy would not be altered.

The strike, which will shut all Jobcentres and employment benefit offices, could start a further wave of industrial action.

Although the final vote will be announced today, a leading union official said the result

yesterday afternoon was 7,820 in favour of action, with 7,401 against. The turnout of Civil Servants working in Department of Employment offices was a surprisingly high 60 per cent.

Mr John Ellis, the moderate general secretary, was known to favour negotiations over strikes. He was hopeful that a series of meetings he had with Mr Richard Luce, the Minister of State, Privy Council Office, could resolve the problem.

"Ultimately, negotiations are the correct course; an attempt to stop the Government employing YTS trainees across the whole of the Civil Service would be extremely difficult and costly."

"The Government has already introduced YTS trainees in DoE offices in Bolton, West Bromwich and Coventry. It is now planning to introduce them in social security offices and in the departments of defence and science."

The prospects of stopping them are very remote."

However, the Militant-controlled executive has made it clear that it wants to stop the Government expanding the scheme. Privately, left-wing union officials are not clear what move to make next. The union has only just recovered from a prolonged strike earlier this year over pay negotiations.

Further industrial action will not receive any support outside the association. Mr John Sheldon, general secretary of the Civil Service Union, said the union did not oppose the YTS trainee scheme in principle.

However, the association fears the introduction of YTS trainees will lead to further cuts in the Civil Service. It says that 150,000 Civil Servants have lost their jobs since 1979.

The Government denies that the scheme will "affect the conditions and pay or recruitment of Civil Servants".

'Bombing terror' in £1½m raids

The crew of a security van was forced to hand over £98,000 after one of them had a remote-controlled bomb strapped to his body, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Similar terror tactics enabled the same gang to steal more than £400,000 three months later.

Glen Armsby, aged 30, of Galliard Road, Edmonton, north London, has denied taking part in both raids. Donald Barratt, aged 49, has turned informant, Mr Bevan said. Barratt admitted 11 robberies.

The first robbery was on September 13, 1985, as a security van delivered cash to Imperial Cold Storage in north London, Mr Bevan said. The second one was at the security firm, Armagnard, he said.

The hearing continues today.

Doctor falsified drug trials results

A consultant psychiatrist at Durham county hospital was ordered to be struck off the medical register yesterday after he admitted falsifying results of clinical trials on a new drug.

Dr Uzair Ahmad Siddiqui was suffering a breakdown because of family problems at the time the false results were recorded, the General Medical Council's professional conduct committee was told.

Sir Herbert Duthie, chairman of the committee, told Dr Siddiqui: "Your dishonest behaviour disgraces yourself and the profession of which you are a member. We find you guilty of professional misconduct and have directed the registrar to erase your name from the register."

Mr Kieran Coonan, counsel for Dr Siddiqui, said his client's marriage was breaking up at the time and he was under considerable stress, aggravated by too heavy a workload.

He said Dr Siddiqui was paid £10,000 for conducting trials on the drug, lidoxan, between the end of 1985 and 1986, but had used the money to fund a new registrar's post at his hospital.

Dr Siddiqui has 28 days in which to appeal.

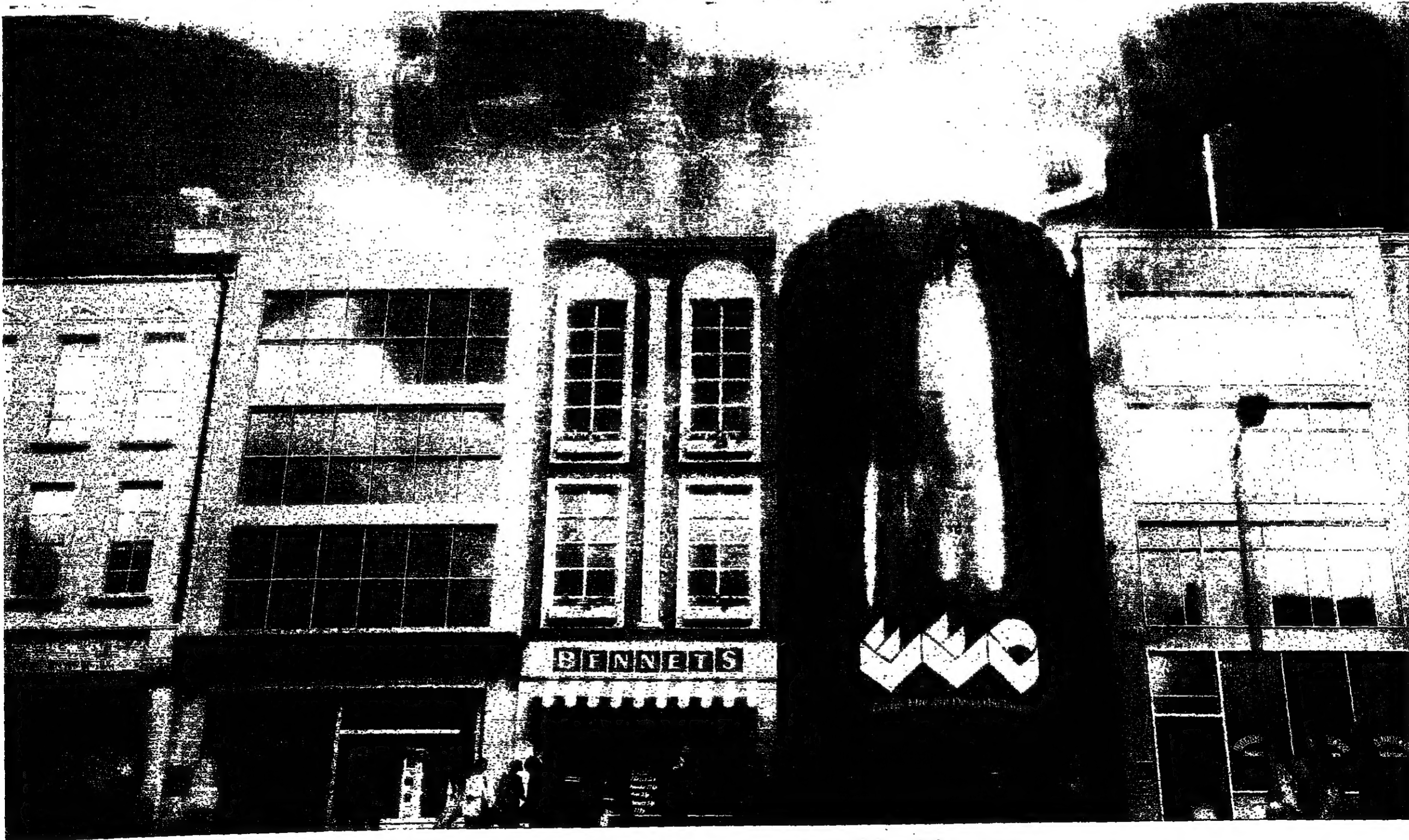
Three-wheels driver banned

An oil rig manager was banned for 15 years and fined £500 yesterday at Norwich Crown Court for driving three miles on three wheels after a head-on crash.

David Smith, aged 43, from Gorleston, Norfolk, admitted reckless driving.

Damages paid

The widow and family of a business executive, Mr Michael Abbott, who was exposed to asbestos at a Cape Universal Cladding factory at Watford, Hertfordshire, were awarded £180,000 agreed High Court damages yesterday for his death aged 53 from an asbestos-related lung cancer.



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CBI urges Britain to fight anti-sea dumping campaign

By John Young and Edward Townsend

Moves to end the incineration and disposal of industrial waste and sewage sludge at sea were condemned yesterday by the Confederation of British Industry.

It urged the Government to "stand firm" against the campaign.

Pleading on the eve of a North Sea policy meeting of European environment ministers in London today to keep the issue of disposal "in perspective", the CBI said disposal was already subject to strict controls by the Government.

But Britain is alone in continuing to dump five million tonnes of sewage sludge at sea every year, and is likely to come under heavy pressure at the North Sea policy meeting to mend its ways.

The conference, which will be chaired by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, and will be attended by ministers from Belgium, Denmark, West Germany, France, The Netherlands, Norway and Sweden as well as EEC representatives, is expected to be dominated by

A blockade of the Beckton sewage treatment works on the Thames in east London was mounted last night by Greenpeace, timed to coincide with the international conference on North Sea pollution to be opened by the Prince of Wales today.

Two Greenpeace vessels and eight fishing boats were used in the blockade, and a spokesman for the protesters said it would not be lifted until Britain decided to stand in line with other North Sea countries.

reclamations over North Sea pollution.

The North Sea contains not only Europe's biggest oilfield, but also its most prolific fishing grounds. More than four million sea birds breed around its coasts. Last week, however, the Nature Conservancy Council conceded in a report that pollution incidents during the breeding season were not as catastrophic as had been believed. The North Sea is also an increasingly important commercial seaway.

Britain is likely to be put in the dock at an early stage for its attitude to dumping in the area. The Germans, the Dutch and the Danes maintain that severe pollution of the shallow waters of the Wadden Sea, the stretch of sandbanks between the Friesian Islands and the north coast of Holland, is caused by effluent from Britain circulating south and east in an anti-clockwise direction.

Greenpeace and other environmental groups say the effluent could be spread on British farmland as manure rather than dumped at sea, but Mr Graham Mason, the CBI's director of company and environment affairs, said yesterday: "Alternative disposal routes are more theoretical than practical and their use would be less environmentally acceptable".

Mr Mason said that if the sewage sludge that Thames Water deposited at sea were moved by road for disposal onshore, farm land three times the area of London would be needed.



James Boggs with one of his "visual images", this time of American currency (Photograph: Sally Soames).

Bank puts a notes artist in the dock

A jury of eight women and four men carefully studied an American "works of art" at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to help them to decide whether he has broken British currency laws.

Four framed drawings of bank notes by the artist, James Stephen Boggs, were handed to the jurors as he sat in the glass-panelled dock.

Mr Boggs, aged 32, who says that the "visual images" of a £10 note, a £5 note and two £1 notes are "original works of art", faces a private prosecution brought by the Bank of England.

He pleaded not guilty to four charges under section 18 of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981.

Mr Robert Harman, QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Boggs, of Denning Road, Hampstead, was not indicted for forgery or counterfeiting, but for reproducing "on any substance whatsoever and on whatever scale", banknotes or parts of them without the bank's written consent.

On September 5 last year, Mr Boggs wrote to the Governor of the Bank of England and sought written permission to continue to "make up" currency. His application was rejected.

The case continues today.

Violence at the workplace: 2

Radio links to report attacks on the Tube

Three trial Underground trains which will give the driver an added law enforcement role are to begin running on the London Jubilee line in January.

Each carriage will have an in-built, two-way communications system so that the driver and passengers can be in contact with each other if necessary. Should the need arise, the driver can also communicate with police and London Underground control rooms.

The two-way communications system is among a range of crime prevention and safety measures. The best features from the three prototype trains will be incorporated on the Central line in the 1990s.

London Underground has also started removing ticket offices from the centre of concourses and putting them against walls, with machines embedded near them, so that they can be serviced from the rear. Rest facilities, including a lavatory, will be provided for staff behind the frontage, so that they need not leave the safety of their offices.

The Health and Safety Commission, in its *Violence at Work* report, says that in any workplace, sufficient personal safety is important.

Noise is a potent cause of stress. Bumpy floors, noisy trolleys and banging doors add to tension.

Wall coverings and surface finishes should be subdued rather than harsh with high contrast. Pictures and plants are relaxing.

A survey of 210 workplaces

In the second article on violence at work, Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent, reports on measures being taken to prevent it.

by the Labour Research Department shows that 79 per cent introduced some measures to reduce the risk of staff.

The survey cites an agreement reached by Hull City Transport that in double decker buses there should be no cash handling without protective screens. There was a commitment to provide two-way radios. On small buses there are also to be radio communications.

The Health and Safety Executive emphasized the need to monitor the effectiveness of measures adopted. After screens were fitted to London buses at a cost of £500,000, assaults dropped by 27 per cent.

In the Post Office, there are discussions between its occupational health service and the investigation department to monitor crime and support its victims. The likely result will be the allocation of staff to look after the victims.

Guidelines for staff safety issued by the Association of Directors of Social Services say "employers must ensure that adequate insurance arrangements are available for all who have to work with violent or potentially violent clients."

Consideration should be given to the availability of personal alarms for staff.

Concluded.

12 fans on a charge of murder

A boy aged 15 and 11 other football supporters appeared before a court yesterday accused of the murder of a rival fan.

The charges came after the death of Mark Smith, aged 17, a Plymouth Argyle supporter who was involved in an incident before a second division game at Swindon, Wiltshire, on November 14.

The 12 supporters were remanded in custody until Monday after brief appearances before magistrates at Swindon. Eleven were sent to prison custody, and the boy to the care of Gloucestershire County Council.

The dead youth, a trainee joiner, of Dryburgh Crescent, Ham, Plymouth, collapsed after watching most of the first half of the match. A blood clot was removed from his brain but he died last Tuesday.

Those in court on the murder charge were:

Alan Curtis, aged 22, of Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire; Darren Drew, 18, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire; Peter John Drury, 22, of Liden, Swindon; Adam Fox, 17, of Toothill, Swindon; Paul Hanks, 21, of Wootton Bassett; Alan Russell, 19, of Swindon; Mark Stratford, 19, of Swindon; Karl Thomas, 24, of Swindon; Jamie Tomlinson, 18, of Cirencester; Mark Vivash, 19, of Wootton Bassett; Michael Webb, 22, of Wootton Bassett; and the juvenile aged 15 from Cirencester.

Six other supporters appeared before the magistrates in connection with an alleged pre-match incident.

No award for coach victims

By Robin Young

Victims of a school coach crash in France in which seven died have been told that they are unlikely to receive any compensation for their injuries.

The coach crashed in May 1985 when it was taking children from the Verulam and Beaumont Schools in St Albans, Hertfordshire, to an adventure holiday in the south of France.

A teacher, the coach driver and five children died in the crash which occurred at more than 75mph at a blackspot on the Route Nationale 110 at Lédignan, between Ales and Montpellier. All 39 survivors suffered injuries.

One girl, Andrea Perkins, aged 16, who was in a coma for a fortnight, is confined to a wheelchair. She has returned to school but may never walk again.

The victims' solicitors say that compensation is unlikely because the crash has been attributed to an act of God. The driver, Mr Harry Hughes, is believed to have suffered a brain haemorrhage at the wheel shortly before his vehicle sliced through a safety barrier and overturned.

Mr Keith Rowley, a teacher at Verulam School whose back was broken in the accident, said yesterday: "Many of the victims still have to live with the physical and mental problems that have arisen from the crash, and the outlook is pretty bleak."

Hydraulics firm leads the world

By Kerry Gill

A British company has beaten the world in the race to develop power hydraulic systems using water instead of oil.

Scot-Tech, formed by the Fenner Group of Hull, has collaborated with the Department of Trade and Industry's National Engineering Laboratory at East Kilbride, Strathclyde, to develop the technology which should eventually replace conventional oil hydraulics in a huge variety of applications ranging from the mining industry to sub-sea tools and robotics.

The company, which officially opened its premises in East Kilbride yesterday, aims to change the face of the hydraulics industry within the next five years.

Mr John Currie, Scot-Tech's general manager, said: "We start with the advantage that we have put Britain well ahead of the field and we intend to keep it there". Scot-Tech has beaten competitors from the United States, Japan and Sweden.

Mr Currie, who is also managing director of the Fenner group, said: "The Scot-Tech team has, of course, already put in a vast amount of work but there is still much development to be done and we envisage it will be some time before we see volume production."

Victorian values; hydraulic engineering at that time used water but was severely hampered by corrosion in cast iron pipes and lacked lubricity.

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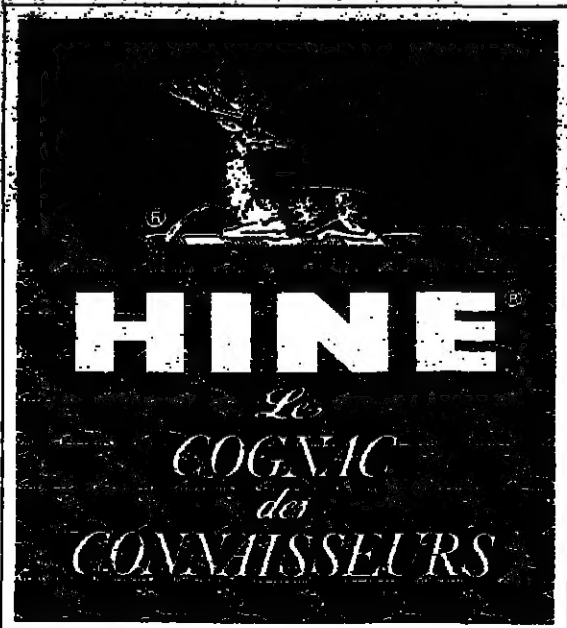
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Time was when life's finer things such as Hine Cognac were the preserve of a privileged few. Today, it is still the true connoisseur that appreciates the mature, mellow flavour of Hine. The dictionary defines a connoisseur as "one who is an expert judge in matters of taste".

And who are we to argue.



WORLD SUMMARY

Czech police raid Charter meeting

Vienna (Reuters) — Czechoslovak police broke up a weekend meeting of the Charter 77 human rights organization in a Prague flat after smashing down the door in what they said was a search for a suspected criminal.

Emigre sources here said that more than a dozen people, including Mr Jiri Hajek, the former Foreign Minister, were detained at the home of Mrs Libuse Silhanova, the Charter spokeswoman. All were freed after being questioned.

● **WARSAW:** A secret meeting of Poland's newly-revived Socialist Party here at the weekend named a veteran dissident, Mr Jan Jozef Lipski, aged 60, as its leader, the group's spokesman said yesterday (Reuters reports).

Bhopal White on deal anger spy count

Delhi (AP) — Opposition members walked out of the Indian Parliament yesterday after the Government refused to explain its position regarding an out-of-court settlement over the Bhopal gas disaster.

The Government has sued Union Carbide for \$3 billion (£1.7 billion) for the toxic gas leak on December 3, 1984, that killed more than 2,600 people, seriously injured 20,000 and affected another 185,000 in the central Indian city of Bhopal.

Iran blames Britain

Iran has circulated a protest note at the United Nations over an alleged violation of its territorial waters by a Royal Navy unit on October 10, but failed to identify the vessel involved (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Meanwhile Gulf sources reported an Iranian naval attack yesterday on a Romanian freighter, the 8,750-tonne Fundulea, in the Strait of Hormuz in which three crewmen were seriously wounded. Sources in Dubai said that the Iranians also fired on a Panamanian ship and warned off a supporting French naval vessel.

Detention Rancher challenge candidate

Kuala Lumpur (Reuters) — Malaysia's first Prime Minister and two other leading politicians condemned the detention of a social reformer under the Internal Security Act in affidavits to Kuala Lumpur's High Court yesterday.

The former leaders Tun Abdul Rahman and Tun Hussein Onn and the former opposition leader, Tan Sri Tan Chee Khoo, said it was wrong to detain Mr Chandra Muzaffar because he was not a communist.

Athlete spared death

Colombo (Reuters) — Reginald Spiers, aged 44, a former Australian javelin champion, was saved from the death penalty yesterday when an appeals court overturned his conviction for smuggling drugs.

Spiers was not released from custody and was escorted back to a Colombo prison where he has been kept since receiving the death sentence last June. Fresh charges were expected to be brought for possessing a forged passport.

Geneva nuclear talks a defeat for military establishments

Inspection deal ends era of secrecy

Carlucci may purge Pentagon hardliners

From Michael Binyon Washington

From Christopher Walker Geneva

As final details of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty were being hammered out by US and Soviet negotiators yesterday, details emerged here of radical steps already agreed which will end the secrecy surrounding nuclear missile sites.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, said in an interview with US journalists: "A great deal has already been settled about inspection and the arrangements will go far beyond anything ever contemplated in earlier treaties. The fact that there will be inspections is settled; that they will go to the sensitive places is settled; that there will be a capability of seeing what is going on is settled; actual procedures as to how to get there are also settled."

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"The question of how frequently you can go is settled; the time period through which we will go, 13 years — that is, three years during the dismantlement process and 10 years after — is settled."

A United Nations disarmament expert told *The Times* that the on-site inspection procedure (which will have to be developed in the hoped-for treaty reducing long-range missiles) had been stubbornly resisted by both the American and Soviet defence establishments.

"For the military men, and even more for the CIA and the KGB, this smacked of a kamikaze exercise," the expert said. "Having spent most of their careers working out ways to keep these secrets from the other side, they are now going to have to learn to put up with a legalized presence of the enemy in a most intrusive fashion."

Mr Shultz defended vig-



Hands of friendship: Mr Shervadnadze and Mr Shultz in confident mood at the Soviet mission in Geneva yesterday.

orously the concept of negotiating vital last details of the INF agreement against the deadline of a summit.

Those talks start on December 7 and the missiles pact is due to be signed during that meeting.

The deadline has been criticized by "hawks" in Washington, but Mr Shultz argued that it was the only way certain sensitive issues of verification could ever be resolved.

On Afghanistan, the key regional issue on the summit agenda, Mr Shultz revealed that recent Soviet discussions about an eventual withdrawal had been "increasingly frank and realistic."

He said both the US and the Soviet Union were agreed that a future Afghan Government must be non-aligned.

Surprise at Soviet stockpile

By Michael Evans Defence Correspondent

The Russians have taken the Americans by surprise in admitting that they have more than 600 of the shorter-range nuclear missiles which are to be eliminated under an Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty due to be signed in Washington on December 8.

One of the remaining obstacles to full agreement on the text of the treaty has been Soviet reluctance to provide US negotiators with all the data on their INF inventory.

The Americans have been negotiating on the basis of a Soviet deployment of 441 SS20 medium-range missiles — each with three warheads —

and about 150 modified SS12 and SS23 shorter-range weapons. But US sources say that the Russians have now supplied more information which reveals that they have hundreds of extra shorter-range missiles as spares.

Western estimates of SS20 deployments have been confirmed by the Russians, but the shorter-range inventory is said to have caused "quite a shock."

Although the latest INF negotiations in Geneva between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, are now almost guaranteed to end successfully, one sticking point has been the legal status

of the INF sites in the Nato European basing countries.

Once the 96 cruise missiles have been removed from Greenham Common in Berkshire the site could revert to RAF use, which would make it legally difficult for the Russians to demand inspection of the base.

Although the British Government accepts that the Russians should have the right to inspect the two cruise sites at Greenham and Molesworth after the missiles have been returned to the US, the INF treaty will refer only to Soviet and American bases. The sources said yesterday that it may be necessary to keep a few token American officers at the two bases.

Mr Frank Carlucci was sworn in formally yesterday as the new US Secretary of Defence, after a reassurance by the White House to nervous conservatives at the weekend that he was "as tough as Cap Weinberger ever was".

The former National Security Adviser has already raised fears among conservatives with his hints of flexibility on the Pentagon budget, and critics say that he will not pursue the Strategic Defence Initiative with the same zeal as Mr Weinberger.

The prompt resignation of Mr Frank Gaffney, aged 34, the Assistant Defence Secretary, has prompted speculation that Mr Carlucci will purge the hardliners from the Pentagon before the coming summit meeting.

Mr Howard Baker, the White House Chief of Staff, denied on television that the Administration was negotiating under a deadline, and said that Mr Reagan would not sign a treaty until the verification issues were resolved. "The President is perfectly capable of walking away from this proposed treaty," he said.

However, Mr Gaffney, who expressed public doubts about the treaty, gave a warning that public expectations were so high that President Reagan would not be able to walk away from a treaty.

Mr Carlucci has asked Mr Ronald Lehman, aged 41, the chief negotiator on strategic arms talks in Geneva, to be his Assistant Defence Secretary.

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

New York — The best argument that I have heard for the modest agreement to cut the American budget deficit is that it might have been worse. There might have been no agreement at all, or the negotiators might have settled for something which would then have been rejected by Congress.

There was never a point when the talks almost broke up in explosive disarray, but there were occasions last week when there was a real danger that they would produce nothing in time. Now the principal figures have decided to make the best of what they have been able to agree, confident that they will be able to get this through Congress.

But no matter how it is dressed up, the deal is only a modest one. I have met nobody in the financial community in this city who is much impressed by it.

Why then did the politicians have to labour so long to produce so little to relieve the very real anxieties reflected in the money markets at home and abroad? The answers seem to me to tell us a good deal of the United States as a country, and about the way it is governed today.

First of all, the anxiety is largely confined to the financial community. That should still in theory have been sufficient warning to Washington. But the distance between the nation's financial and political capitals is greater than the hour's flight between them.

It is never safe to assume that what Wall Street thinks today Washington will accept tomorrow. Perhaps there is a partly strong populist tradition in the United States that is deeply suspicious of bankers. At all events, the major influence on senators and congressmen is exercised not by the financial community but by public opinion back home in their states and districts.

Last week I spent some days in the mid-West. There I found business confidence not so much affected as it would have been expected by the stock market crash.

The businessmen to whom I spoke certainly wanted lower deficits and stable exchanges. But life had been relatively unaffected by the stock markets. So their concern was nothing like so sharp as in the financial community.

This seems to have been typical of opinion around the country. New York financiers tell me that even senior businessmen with whom they

have been dealing do not share their anxiety. So there has not been the public pressure that would have been required to force the politicians to abandon more of their entrenched positions.

The differences that needed to be reconciled in the budget negotiations were not simply between the parties or between the President and Congress. The Democrats in the House wanted less spent on defence than the Democrats in the Senate. Some Senate Republicans were not prepared to make such deep cuts in domestic spending as the Republicans in the House.

A substantial agreement would have required some restriction on the cost-of-living allowances (COLAs) on Social Security and other retirement pensions. A freeze of some months on increases in these allowances was considered.

But this would have been practical politics only if it had been accompanied by a freeze for a similar length of time on any further tax cuts. That, however, was absolutely ruled out by the President.

Even if he had agreed to a combined tax and COLA freeze, it could not have been taken for granted that the House Republicans would have gone along. Most of them are strongly opposed not only to any increase in personal taxes, but also to any delay in cuts already announced. Yet without such a concession and pressure from Mr Reagan there would have been no chance of persuading them.

So the negotiators probably reached just about as good a deal as was available in the political circumstances. The danger is that there may be to further economic damage before the circumstances change.

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Reagan may give pardons to North and Poindexter

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Conservative Republicans are backing a call for presidential pardons for Rear Admiral John Poindexter and Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the two central figures in the Iran-Contra affair, who are almost certainly facing criminal prosecution.

The White House is refusing to discuss the possibility, but rumours are rife that President Reagan is anxious to issue pardons and would like to do it on Thanksgiving Day this Thursday, citing the season of forgiveness.

It would cause an immense row, as did the pardon granted to Mr Richard Nixon after he resigned the presidency in 1974. President Ford lost the 1976 election, and many political analysts believe that the "full, free and absolute"

pardon he gave Mr Nixon was the main reason.

Criminal charges could be levelled against Admiral Poindexter and Colonel North as early as January, although pre-trial manoeuvring could then take another two years.

Judge William Clark, a former National Security Adviser and a close personal friend of Mr Reagan from California, wrote to the President saying that the two men should be pardoned because their role in the Iran-Contra affair had been at "considerable personal risk" and "without consideration for personal gain". He added that a pardon was not necessarily a recognition that any criminal conduct had occurred.

"It would simply be an expression of your conclusion

that the story has been told, that the people involved have suffered enough and that neither they, the office of the President, nor the country should be forced to endure an extended criminal trial."

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said flatly that he would not discuss the question of pardons.

If pardons are to be issued, some time in the coming weeks would be a good time. The expected good news that will accompany the visit to Washington next month of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, might help to obscure the row that would inevitably ensue.

Mr Lawrence Walsh, the special prosecutor who is preparing criminal cases against Admiral Poindexter,

Colonel North and others, opposes pardons fiercely. With an army of lawyers and agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he has spent a year painstakingly putting together his case.

Vice-President George Bush could suffer severe political damage from the controversy. Opinion polls suggest that, despite the star performance of Colonel North during the Iran-Contra hearings, the public would be offended if the alleged culprits in the affair were to escape justice.

Only last month President Reagan said that he did not believe that Admiral Poindexter or Colonel North had broken any laws. But commentators are already saying that pardons would damage the reputation Mr Reagan still enjoys as a man of integrity.

Waldheim finds a welcome



President Waldheim of Austria receiving a bouquet from a child in traditional dress at the start yesterday of his three-day visit to Pakistan. The controversial former UN Secretary-General began his visit with a call for peace in neighbouring Afghanistan, saying that the UN "can... and should play a useful role" for a neutral Afghanistan, "but we need peace in the first place" (Reuters reports from Islamabad). Dr Waldheim, shunned by the

West because of controversy over his record as a German officer during the Second World War, was given a 21-gun salute and cheered by thousands at Islamabad airport, where he was received by President Zia of Pakistan and his Prime Minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo. Dr Waldheim's talks are expected to focus on the war between the Soviet-backed Afghan Government and Western-backed guerrillas, the Gulf War and North-South issues.

Killers go on election rampage in Haiti

Port-au-Prince (Reuters) — A man was killed as gunmen fired at random during an arson attack on the largest market in Haiti yesterday. The violence was the latest episode in the run-up to presidential elections on Sunday.

Witnesses at the market said that armed men forced them to shout: "Down with the CEP", the Provisional Electoral Council supervising the elections and criticized for rejecting some candidates.

Train attack

Maputo (Reuters) — Six people were killed when a train hit a mine and was attacked by rebels in southern Mozambique, the official AIM news agency reported.

Exit refugees

Hong Kong (Reuters) — Hong Kong is to send back to temporary homes in China the last of 2,300 Vietnamese refugees who took refuge here.

Army inquiry

The Hague (Reuters) — The Dutch Army is investigating claims by two conscripts of sexual blackmail.

Princess home

Rangoon (AP) — The Princess Royal flew home after a three-day visit to Burma.

Cuban riots erupt in second US jail

From Charles Bremner, New York

Cuban prisoners, who fear being sent home, rioted at an Atlanta prison yesterday as a siege continued at a Louisiana detention centre, where 1,000 Cuban prisoners were holding 28 hostages and demanding a promise that they could stay in America.

Police and security forces sought to quell the distur-

bance in Atlanta which broke out early yesterday when some among the 1,500 Cuban prisoners there started setting fire to buildings.

By noon the police said they had the prisoners under control. Most of the prisoners are due to be deported to Cuba under an agreement that also sparked the take-over and arson at Oakdale Prison in Louisiana on Saturday.

The pact allows the United States to send back 2,500 Cuban "undesirables" who arrived in the 1980 "boatlift" from the port of Mariel in return for receiving up to 27,000 new Cuban immigrants a year.

As the siege at the Oakdale Prison dragged through its second day, spokesmen for the prisoners repeated demands that they would not release

their hostages — all guards and prison staff — until a senior official from Washington promised they would not be deported under the accord.

Immigration officials said there was no chance their demands would be met, but as long as the hostages remained unharmed the security forces would not storm the prison, which was ringed by National Guard troops.

Middle East peace search

Peres pays his third visit to No10 in a year

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The door of 10 Downing Street swung open yesterday for Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister of Israel, for the third time this year.

Almost no foreign leader has access to the Prime Minister so regularly as does the leader of Israel's Labour Party. The exception is King Hussein of Jordan, the other half of the regional odd-couple relationship forged by a common desire to promote an international conference on the Middle East.

After more than an hour of talks, Mr Peres and Mrs Thatcher reaffirmed their support for an international conference and described it as the best prospect for progress.

During the last three years a pattern of regular visits to Mrs Thatcher has emerged, usually with one leader following the other closely. The Prime

ture levels of economic and military aid.

Last Tuesday Mr Peres appeared to have achieved exactly that. He was quoted as saying that the Reagan Administration was ready to reach memoranda of understanding with the Israeli Government. These would deal with the nature of the proposed conference and with future levels of American economic and military aid.

The reference to "the nature of the conference" was an answer to Israeli fears that President Reagan's successor might reverse the Administration's policy on the shape of any such conference. Washington and Whitehall agree that the five permanent members of the UN Security Council should act as sponsors and that the conference should serve as an umbrella for direct talks between Israeli and Arab leaders.

The opposite view, held by Moscow and opposed by all shades of Israeli political opinion, is that the international conference should have mandatory powers to impose a solution. But 24 hours after Mr Peres made his remarks, Mr Charles Redman, the US State Department spokesman, denied that there had been any such US proposal.

Mr Peres told *The Times* that he had been misquoted. "I have said that if we shall reach this stage of having an international conference, my impressions are that the United States will be ready to sign with us a memo of understanding. It will take place only when the Israeli Government take a decision. This must be a request by the Israeli Government."

Though he did not say as much, the effect is that, if he wins the Israeli election, he will have to negotiate the memoranda with the next American administration rather than with President Reagan.

He accepted that a memorandum of understanding would not bind the next President, but added: "Usually in the US there is a tradition of Presidents respecting commitments... of a moral nature, done by their predecessors."

Mr Peres, who speaks slowly with a gravelly voice, reminding one of Dr Henry Kissinger, acknowledged reluctantly the limitations of what he can achieve at this stage; until Israel makes up its mind, there can be no conference, and given the attitude of Likud, Labour's partner in the Jerusalem coalition Government, progress is unlikely before next November's election.

After a long sigh, he replied: "Well, maybe not much can be achieved, but a great deal can be lost on what we have already established, and if (perhaps) we can make some small advantages."

There have been suggestions that Mr Peres's shuttle diplomacy is more frequent than the prospects warrant, and that the real purpose of his travels is to change opinion at home.

He replied: "I am not so sure. I think that to change public opinion should be basically done at home."

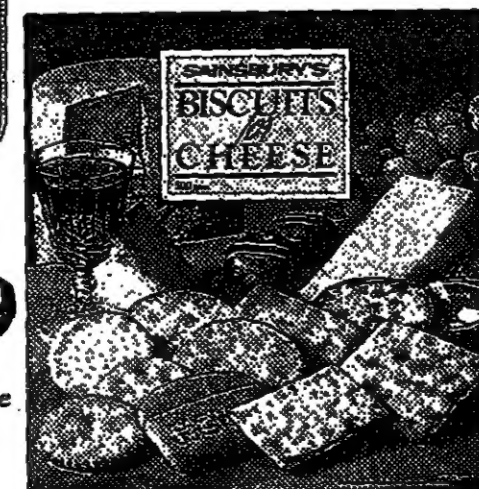
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Britain offers 'clean slate' scheme to end EEC food surpluses

From Richard Owen, Brussels

As EEC foreign and farm ministers yesterday began tough last-ditch bargaining before next week's European Community summit in Copenhagen, Britain put forward an initiative to reduce the present food mountains once and for all at national rather than EEC cost.

This would "make a clean slate" from which to start a reformed common agricultural policy, British officials said. But many European officials were sceptical, viewing the move as partly designed to counteract the view that Mrs Thatcher is being "negative" or "obstructionist" over ways to ease the cash crisis. "She still wants cast-iron guarantees that future farm output will be cut automatically," one EEC official said.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, expressed guarded optimism over the prospects for Copenhagen, not least in view of a degree of Anglo-French understanding at the weekend. But the mood at the parallel farm ministers' meeting yesterday was gloomy, and at times truculent. Mr John McGregor, the Minister of Agriculture, said the EEC was "a long way from agreement".

It became clear that however cordial the *entente* at the top following Mrs Thatcher's talks in Paris on Sunday with M Jacques Chirac, the French

Prime Minister, M Francois Guillaume, the French Farm Minister, remains close to Herr Ignaz Kiechle, the West German Farm Minister, in his unwillingness to approve sweeping cuts in cereals or other products. The two men argue that French and German farmers have suffered enough already from cuts.

The EEC is facing bankruptcy, with farm spending running at nearly £20 billion a year or about two-thirds of the total budget. Sir Geoffrey said this would rise - if unchecked - to nearly £30 billion within a decade. Diplomats said that, if farm ministers remained unable to agree on farm cuts by the weekend, the matter could be taken out of their hands by the foreign ministers, who return to Brussels for a final pre-summit session on Sunday. Denmark, which holds the EEC presidency, is under pressure to make the farm ministers hold a "marathon" meeting until they reach a compromise.

Sir Geoffrey said the "clean slate" plan, under which the cost of disposing of existing farm surpluses would be borne by national governments, rather than be written into the limited EEC budget as an annual cost, would save the Community some £4 billion in one go. But officials admitted that it was not clear whether the scheme referred to excess food produced by an

EEC country or to surpluses stored in it.

Sir Geoffrey said it was generally accepted that sound EEC finances involved automatic limits to farm output, known as "stabilizers". But finding the political will to implement them between now and December 4 would be a "long hard grind".

To go to Copenhagen without a deal on farm stabilizers would be like Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark, Sir Geoffrey said.

Perhaps it was in response to this Shakespearean thrust that the Danes yesterday put forward a fresh compromise on cutting back cereals output by taking land out of production, the controversial "set aside" scheme.

There was disagreement yesterday over a Commission proposal for basing EEC revenues partly on gross national product in a national wealth tax, rather than wholly on VAT receipts as at present. This could resolve the cash shortage and enable the Commission to double regional and social spending to the poorer regions of southern Europe. But Sir Geoffrey said the new resources system would reduce Britain's hard-won budget rebate - in reality, a reduction in its contribution for the following year - and increase its net contribution to EEC coffers.

Petrol bombs hurled at Roh motorcade

From Gavin Bell Seoul

Mr Roh Tae Woo, the candidate of the ruling Democratic Justice Party in the forthcoming South Korean presidential election, escaped injury yesterday when several petrol bombs were hurled at his motorcade in the southern industrial city of Masan.

The incident was one of several that have indicated a rise in the temperature of the campaign in recent days, with a lively exchange of invective, eggs, stones and tear gas.

A more bloody incident took place at the weekend, when a soldier was wounded by gunfire from North Korean troops across the demilitarized zone.

The official view, as expressed by the Defence Ministry, was that the North was trying to foment unrest "capitalizing on the current presidential election mood".

Whether or not this is true, the shooting highlighted the vulnerability of next year's Seoul Olympics to any tension along the DMZ, 50 miles north of the South Korean capital. It was the second flare-up of its kind this year, after the sinking of a South Korean warship in which 11 crewmen died last month.

On the domestic campaign trail, much of the friction has been attributed to chronic hostility between the southern provinces of Cholla and Kyongsang. Mr Kim Dae Jung, the veteran dissident leader, hails from Cholla, while Mr Kim Young Sam, his opposition rival, and Mr Roh both come from Kyongsang.

All have been given rough receptions each time one has ventured into another's territory, provoking rumbles of



A beaming welcome in Chonju yesterday from a supporter of Mr Kim Jong Pil, right, one of the presidential candidates.

discontent from the man who still runs the country.

President Chun told a recent Cabinet meeting: "These days we are seeing a replay of the evil characteristics of the direct election system. I cannot help but worry about this." This was followed by a terse warning from a government spokesman that provincialism and political violence would not be tolerated.

If Mr Chun is concerned, then everybody else also has a right to be. Each candidate has

been appealing for calm while accusing each other of inciting the unrest, without much apparent effect.

Mr Kim Jong Pil, the fourth leading contender, has presented himself as the only one capable of dispelling regional animosity: his mother is from Cholla, his wife is from Kyongsang, and he is from neither. Whether this relative diversity will appeal to the partisan masses remains to be seen, but seems unlikely.

Mr Shin Jeong Yil, the

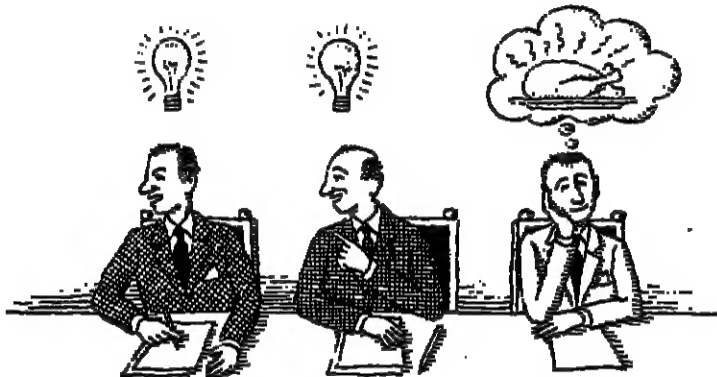
leader of an obscure religious sect, has entered the lists with the avowed intention of using his spiritual powers to promote peace and understanding between the main rivals.

Completing the official list of six candidates for the December 16 election is Mrs Hong Suk Ja, the first woman to aspire to lead the country. Mrs Hong, president of a federation of women's organizations and a former diplomat, says that democracy should be restored to South

Korea by a woman because men tend to be authoritarian both at home and elsewhere. While this may be true, it is unlikely to endear her to roughly half of the electorate.

● Currency move: The Finance Ministry said yesterday it will allow Koreans to take more foreign currency overseas because of improvements in the current account surplus (AP reports). The ministry plans to put the measures into effect next month.

He who has not eaten thinks of little else.



As the meeting discussed the rising cost of raw materials, a vision passed before Wilkinson.

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Then a halibut swam into view as Smithson spoke cogently about North Sea oil prices.

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"Boeuf Bourguignon!" he blurted. "With sauté potatoes and petits pois, washed down with a Beaujolais Villages '85."

Wilkinson, unfortunately, had not followed his colleagues' advice to travel to the meeting First Class on InterCity.

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No second helping of toast for him, no coffee cup re-filled at the hint of a nod.

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He had not allowed for contra-flows and road works.

He was tired, tattered but above all famished.

The Chairman leaned across, eyebrows half raised, a question forming on his lips.

Wilkinson anticipated him with what he felt was a stroke of genius.

"Coq au Vin!" he crowed.

INTERCITY

Hanoi and church attempt to bury mutual suspicions

From David Watts, Ho Chi Minh City

The release of at least 60 Catholic priests from re-education camps coincides with increased efforts towards co-existence between the Roman Catholic Church and the Government in Vietnam. This comes despite the jailing last month of 21 Catholics on charges of terrorism and disrupting public security.

Vietnamese Catholic Church leaders have distanced themselves from the imprisoned militant Catholics, and after a meeting with Mr Nguyen Van Linh, Secretary-General of the Communist Party, the mainstream of the

strong anti-communist stance of the Catholics under the Diem, Thieu and Ky regimes in the 1960s and 1970s. The Communists, for their part, saw many Catholics as agents of foreign powers dating from the introduction of Catholicism by the French and Portuguese.

Father Thu was an early opponent of the government of South Vietnam, having studied in France and worked as a rubbish collector in Saigon, and recalls throwing petrol bombs at cars passing his parish in 1972.

Having been wealthy under anti-communist governments, the Church became poor almost overnight. But Father Thu's congregation of 7,500 contributes some 30,000 dong a month to the Church, a sizeable sum given the cities' income levels.

That money helps maintain four sub-priests and three religious sisters. Countrywide the Church claims 500,000 believers, or 6 to 7 per cent of the population.

"We are freer every day," said Father Thu, diplomatically noting that ever since the Second Vatican Council the Catholic Church and Com-

● The party saw Catholics as foreign agents ●

Church is hopeful that the suspicion and limiting of the Church's activities that have marked the relationship since the fall of Saigon in 1975 will dissipate.

"When he was party chief of Ho Chi Minh he attended many Catholic meetings and it's clear from his speech that he understands quite a lot about the Bible," according to Father Phan Khac Tu of the parish of Vuon Xoi.

"At the meeting with the bishops he said that the party respects the right of conscience, and he admitted that the behaviour of some state officials towards the Catholics was not appropriate. The party must show the Church more respect and the Church must not break the law."

Contacts at the senior level have been followed by more regular meetings at the provincial level, according to the priest, who said that there were now more ordinations and plans to increase the number of seminaries from one each in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City to four, with additions in Can Tho and Vinh, to make an eventual total of six.

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● God doesn't permit ceasing work in face of Communism ●

munist parties worldwide had moved towards greater accommodation.

In Ho Chi Minh City, Catholics, previously excluded from social work, are once again permitted to pursue careers in medicine and to do charitable work. Not surprisingly, no priests have taken up membership of the Communist Party.

"The religion of our God must be a catalyst in this society. God does not permit us to cease our work in the face of Communism... The ideology of socialism is to build a welfare society for all."

Thaw in Marxist hostility to Rome

By Alexander Johnson

In addition to the relaxation in Vietnam, there are signs elsewhere in the world of a loosening-up in the attitude of Marxist-Leninist regimes towards their long-suppressed Roman Catholic minority churches.

After 30 years of enforced separation between the Vatican and the millions of Catholics in Communist China, negotiations are under way for a visit to Peking by the Pope, according to senior Catholic sources in Hong Kong yesterday. Hopes of a papal visit have been raised by talks in Peking between Cardinal Jaime Sin of the Philippines and the Communist Party leader, Mr Zhao Ziyang - the highest-level contact since the Vatican and Peking severed relations in 1957.

The visit, which may still be some time away, would reunite the Papacy with millions of Chinese Christians who have been persecuted since the 1949

takeover and particularly during the Cultural Revolution of 1966 to 1976.

Many were forced to renounce their allegiance to the Pope in favour of the state-approved Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association.

Quite separately, there are also signals that the Soviet authorities may reinstate the banned Uniate, or Eastern rite, Ukrainian Catholic Church after more than 40 years of repression, according to Mr Yosiip Terelya, who has been leading negotiations with the authorities on behalf of the Church. In the latest edition of the *Ukrainian Weekly*, published in Jersey City in the United States.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church, with four million members, has been banned since 1946 because Moscow is nervous of its foreign allegiance, both to the Pope and to the cause of Ukrainian nationalism.

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Russia woos India as US improves its prospects

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Cries of *Hindi-Rossi bhai-bhai* (Indians and Russians are brothers) greeted Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, as he arrived yesterday at Raipur in Madhya Pradesh on his way to visit the massive Russian-built steel mill at Bhilai on the third day of a high-profile tour of India.

Mr Ryzhkov's tour, which ends tomorrow, is a glittering celebration of the "brotherhood" of the two countries, a reinforcement of the apparent strength of Indo-Soviet ties, and an attempted answer to those critics of the Delhi Government who are complaining that India is beginning to tilt away from this now traditional relationship.

The tour marks the beginning of the year-long festival of Russia in India, and Mr Ryzhkov's arrival here has been made to sparkle, with a big display of fireworks in the night sky above Delhi, star-spangled performances by the Bolshoi Ballet and the Moscow State Circus, and even the presence of the first woman in space, Mrs Valentina Tereshkova.

Indian stores have displays of Russian ceramics, Delhi

Delhi — India yesterday announced the end of the 40-year ceasefire it had unilaterally declared with the Sri Lankan guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (Michael Hamlyn writes). The Foreign Ministry said that the Government regretted very deeply that the guerrillas had not responded positively.

Cinemas are showing Soviet films, a new portrait of the late Indira Gandhi by a Russian artist has been unveiled. In Nehru Park, near the diplomatic quarter, a Lenin statue has been set up. Folk dancers from the republics of Georgia, Estonia, Kazakhstan, the Ukraine, Armenia, Byelorussia and Turkmenistan are leaping and bounding. There is even a Russian jazz group and a brass band.

But the visit coincides with a growing feeling that the Government of Mr Rajiv Gandhi is slowly — very slowly — swinging towards an attitude more friendly with the United States. Certainly the Indian Communists sense such a shift, for Mr C. Rajeswara Rao, Secretary-General of the Communist Party of India, in this week quoted as saying: "It is clear that he wants to bring US imperialists into our key sectors, defence technology and training of key personnel by the front door, instead of the back door."

The American Ambassador here, Mr John Gunther Dean,

agrees that recently the US has been "flavour of the month", though with the caveat that there are 12 or even 13 such flavours each year. But just before Mr Gandhi's visit to Washington last month Mr Dean admitted there is something of a new era in relations. "Before 1985," he said, "if I had raised the subject of defence and security co-operation there would have been very little to talk about. But today the subject sustains long articles in the press and, more importantly, long discussions in government buildings in Delhi and Washington."

Even the Soviet Embassy here admits realistically: "It is a misconception that we discourage improvement in ties between India and the United States."

Mr Sergei Velichkin, a political counsellor, told *Sunday*, a Calcutta English-language magazine, that "there are some adventures in the US State Department who might be seriously believing in moving towards an alliance with India."

The United States has been increasingly in favour in South Block, the sandstone secretariat buildings designed to house the British imperial government by Sir Herbert Baker, since the growth of the cool feelings between Pakistan and the US over General Zia's nuclear ambitions. But the swing began to be noticed as early as the visit by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, in 1985.

After that the US approved the sale of an advanced jet fighter engine for use in India's own light combat aircraft, and two months ago it issued a licence allowing India to acquire the powerful IBM 3090 computer for designing the plane. In October Mr Gandhi declared that the US had responded generously to an Indian shopping list for other defence projects.

America is now going to train Indian bureaucrats, despite the outcry over CIA brainwashing that may well be raised. This new closeness has been leading Russia into ever more determination to help the Indians. Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, has gone so far as to give political support to the Indian Prime Minister, embattled by the Bofors and other scandals. The crisis facing Mr Gandhi, he declared, would blow over.

Mr Ryzhkov's visit and the year-long cultural festival that he has inaugurated are part of the same Russian plan to keep good friends. Agreements for co-operation in science and technology have been signed during the visit and greater exchanges in the field of higher education are planned.



Police guarding deserted streets during the general strike in Dhaka read a newspaper for the latest details of the unrest.

Ershad pledges 'last drop of blood'

Dhaka (Renter) — President Ershad of Bangladesh, beset by a two-week campaign to force him out, yesterday pledged to "protect the sovereignty of the country to the last drop of my blood."

He blamed unspecified left-wing groups for having started the anti-government nationwide general strike called by 21 opposition parties, and ordered police to get tougher with the protesters.

Riot police, meanwhile, fired warning shots to break up street fighting between government and opposition supporters as the strike continued.

Police yesterday arrested a Bangladeshi freelance journalist who works for the BBC and for *The Christian Science Monitor* and served him with a one-month detention order, his family said.

Arrested Atans Samad, aged 50, at his home at 2 am. He was taken to a police station and sent to Dhaka central jail after being served with a detention order. His arrest came just three days after President Ershad blamed the British media for distorted coverage of strikes that have paralysed Bangladesh for the last two weeks.

The Information Ministry said that Mr Samad had been detained "for internal political reasons" under the Special Powers Act, which empowers the Government to detain anyone without warrant.

President Ershad rebuked the BBC indirectly on Friday for "meddling in our internal affairs" in its coverage of the strikes. The Government issued an order at the weekend asking newspapers not to print statements or photographs of violence during the stoppage.

Belgrade anger at Austria's school reform

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

An Austrian inter-party agreement last week to "reform" bilingual primary education in the Slovene-speaking parts of southern Austria has brought about a crisis in Austro-Yugoslav relations.

The "reform" envisages separating Slovene-speaking children from German-speakers in the province of Carinthia, where there is a 42,000 Slovene minority.

Thousands of Slovenes demonstrated at the weekend in Austria and outside the Austrian consulate in Ljubljana in Yugoslavia. Austrian officials yesterday accused Yugoslavia of interfering in their country's internal affairs.

The Austrian press has condemned the demonstrations as an attempt by Belgrade to distract Yugoslavs from their present economic crisis. None the less, Austrians as well as Slovene-speaking school-teachers have voiced grave reservations about the "reform".

Slovenes in Austria fear that it will condemn their children to a ghetto-like existence. Old racial tensions have already been revived. Pan-German nationalists, such as Herr Jorg Haider, leader of the right-

wing Freedom Party, have made no secret of their wish for "German-speaking children to be educated in German schools by German teachers".

In a country where a large immigrant population from Yugoslavia tends already to be regarded as second-class citizens, the Slovene minority feels threatened. The "reform" infringes Article 6 of the Austrian State Treaty, which outlaws discrimination on racial, religious or language grounds.

Though the Austrian Minister for Education, Dr Hilde Hawlicek, said yesterday that the law "would not be implemented if those it affects oppose it", few politicians envisage it not being approved by the Austrian Parliament before the end of the year.

● BELGRADE: Miners have joined thousands of workers on strike throughout Yugoslavia in protest at new wage controls (Reuters reports). The miners are demanding a 100 per cent increase.

At least 20 strikes and several street protests have been reported since the Prime Minister, Mr Branko Mikulic, imposed austerity measures 10 days ago.

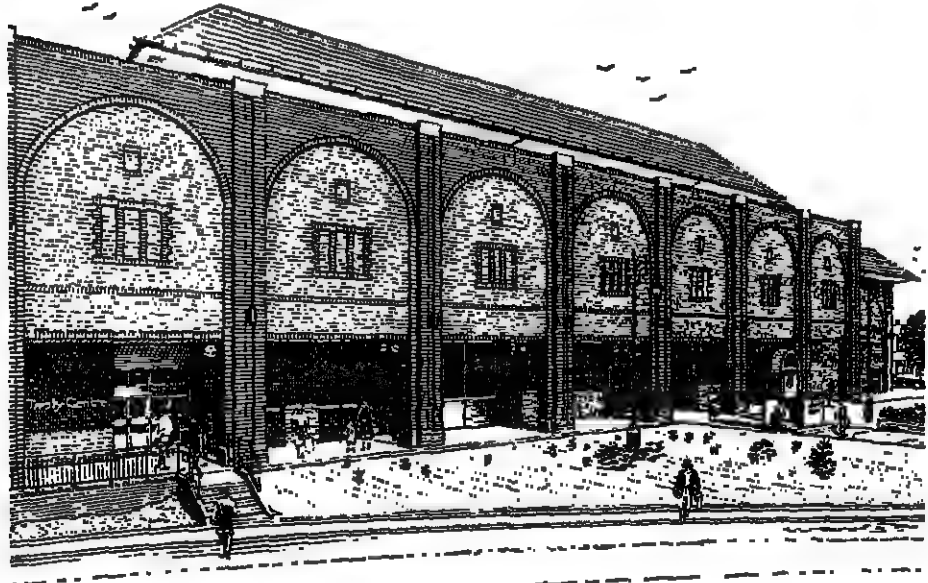
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Threat of Philippine flare-up Communists claim air base killings

From Humphrey Hawkesley, Manila

Communist guerrillas in the Philippines yesterday made an official claim of responsibility for the murders of three Americans outside the Clark air base late last month.

The Americans — two serving and one retired serviceman — together with a Filipino civilian died in almost simultaneous shootings, prompting fears that the outlawed National Democratic Front, the umbrella organization of several rebel groups, was opening a new offensive in its 19-year campaign to come to power.

The claim came from the NDF chief spokesman, Mr Satur Ocampo, who has been in hiding since peace talks to end the guerrilla war broke down in February.

Mr Ocampo said the decision to target Americans had been made as early as last year because of "increasingly blatant" intervention by the United States in helping the Philippine military fight the communists. Sources close to the guerrillas say they believe US helicopters are being used to airlift wounded soldiers from battle areas — but this is strongly denied by both US and Philippine officials.

Mr Ocampo, aged 47, is a former journalist who was imprisoned for nearly 10 years during the Marcos regime. He was identified by the military at the weekend as a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines, and, amid the secrecy which surrounds the underground movement here, some lower-ranking rebel officials say that Mr Ocampo is the General Secretary of the NDF.

Mr Ocampo ruled out the prospect of new peace talks, saying that President Aquino had given the armed forces freedom to carry out total war against the guerrillas. "From

the way it looks now, no new peace initiative can prosper until the revolutionary forces have pushed the armed forces into a stalemate or attained the upper hand in the civil war," he said.

● Policeman abducted: Communist rebels abducted a police chief in a daring raid yesterday, as the military said that it had laid the first charges against a rebel leader captured



Captain Rogelio Saradoy, of the Philippine Air Force, under escort after his arrest at the weekend. He is under investigation accused of having flown to safety Colonel Gregorio Honasan, leader of the abortive coup against President Aquino in August.

earlier this month (Reuters reports from Manila).

Lieutenant Gaudencio Masangkay, a local military commander, said in a telephone interview that Sergeant Celestino Santos, police chief of Roxas town on Mindoro island, was taken hostage by 100 communist guerrillas of the NPA.

Meanwhile, another military spokesman said that Mr Juanito Rivero, the second-ranking leader of the outlawed Communist Party, had been charged in Manila with illegal possession of firearms.

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Short changed?

The settlement that Parliament will this week reach on the money's offices could be short-lived. The so-called Short Money, named after the former Labour Leader of the House, is given to parties in proportion to their showings at the previous general election. While the present ceiling of £450,000 is likely to be raised to £500,000 to reflect Labour's improved performance, an intriguing question mark will remain over the Alliance's share. Because the cash goes to named parties rather than MPs, both the Liberals' expected £38,000 hand-out and the SDP's £55,000 will have to be reassessed if the two parties merge and are renamed next year. Some Labour MPs insist that a new Liberal Democratic Party, for example, would have no claim to either half of the cash. Ironically, if David Owen insists on retaining the SDP title for his group, he could yet end up with the cream.

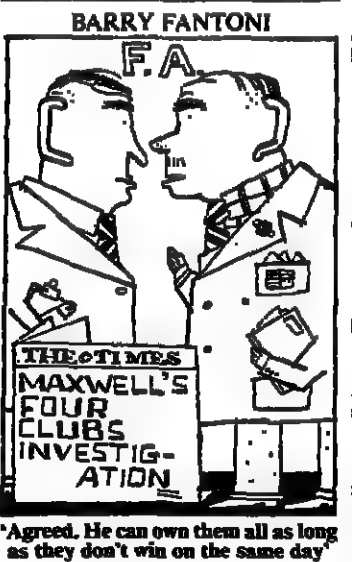
Like a King

British Airways has proved to my satisfaction that it treats all its customers equally. On Sunday its chairman, Lord King, arrived at John F. Kennedy Airport on Concorde's 10th anniversary flight to New York minus his evening wear. A succession of frantic telephone calls to Heathrow established that the bag containing the suit had not been put on board. A man was finally dispatched down the conveyor belt tunnel, where he found the package trapped. It arrived on the next Concorde flight, in time for the celebratory dinner at Mortimer on Lexington Avenue. During the meal Lord King swapped suit anecdotes with aviation minister Lord Brabazon, over whose trousers a Concorde stewardess had contrived to spill a glass of champagne.

Meanwhile, a BA captain who told passengers that overcrowding on a flight from Ireland to London was caused by the Cork Jazz Festival — further, that in his opinion the only remedy for jazz festivals was Alka-Seltzer — is in deep trouble. Unknown to him, Oscar Peterson was on board. The legendary pianist, his blood boiling, scribbled the captain a note and — not content with the proffered apology — has written to BA asking if André Previn can expect the same treatment from the world's favourite airline.

Heads down

The stale air of pedagogic humour came rushing back to me yesterday over a note from Malcolm Biggs, headmaster of the Chaucery School in Hertfordshire, about smoking in staff meetings. He wrote: "To avoid this problem all meetings will be held in the hall where smoking is not permitted. However, since the chairs in the staff room are more comfortable the meetings will actually be held in the staff room but smokers are asked to assume it is the hall."



Last index

It will be a particular sadness to Bernard Levin and other connoisseurs of fine indices that Sir John Colville died before completing his last book to his own high standard. Proof of his forthcoming history of the Lambton family arrived at Hodder & Stoughton the day after his death on Thursday, unindexed. Ian Trewin, editorial director of H&S, tells me that Sir John took pleasure in compiling the indices to his books. For an author to assemble his own index these days is unusual enough; to do so with Sir John's meticulous skill is rarer still.

It must be getting cold out there in the wilderness. Last week, after an SDP committee meeting, David Owen congratulated Bill Rodgers on his appointment as director-general of RIBA. It was the first time the doc had spoken to his former gang member since the Monday after the election.

Object lesson

Helen Reeves, director of the National Association of Victims Support Schemes, has learned more than she wanted to from her trip to a conference on urban insecurity and crime in Barcelona. While there she was mugged by three youths who snatched a handbag containing her passport, travel cheques and credit card. "It's nice to be back in Brixton," she says, still nursing a sprained foot.

The increase in Aids-related deaths is posing difficult questions for the British insurance industry in the way it handles life assurance applications. The responses so far have been panicky and discriminatory. While male homosexuals have been the main focus of insurers' attention, this seems likely to change as the disease spreads into the general population. The experience here contrasts with that in America, where similar initiatives by insurance companies have been closely monitored and controlled by government regulatory authorities.

A primary aim of British insurers in the past year has been to develop life assurance application procedures calculated to identify homosexuals. Any single male of marriageable age applying for life cover is liable to be required to answer a supplementary questionnaire intended to establish his sexual orientation. False or misleading answers can lead to invalidation of the policy.

As in the past, an applicant may be required to authorize the insurer to seek information from his GP. Now, however, the doctor is likely to be asked about the patient's sexual orientation as well as his medical history. (To its credit, the British Medical Association has urged the insurance companies to drop such questions.)

If an insurance company — applying whatever criteria it chooses — decides that the applicant may be homosexual, it can on the basis of this finding alone refuse cover or offer it at a significantly higher premium.

The majority of those contracting Aids in Britain up to now have been male homosexuals. But this cannot logically justify a decision that any given individual should have his access to insurance cover denied or impeded solely on the basis of his purported sexual orientation. Irrespective of whether his particular medical history contains concrete indication of an increased risk.

A greater mortality risk arises

Wanted: a new insurance policy on Aids

by Wesley Gryk

not from membership of a particular social group but rather from exposure to the Aids virus through sexual or other circumstances which may apply to a far broader band of the population. This blanket discrimination exhibited by the insurance industry against single males suspected of homosexuality is disturbing.

Indeed, homosexual males today are more likely than any other group to recognize the risk of such exposure and to take steps to avoid it, precisely because their community has been so seriously affected. Fortunately, however, a very large majority of homosexual males in Britain have not been exposed to the Aids virus.

The use of blood tests by insurers to assess the Aids risk is likely to affect a much broader group of people seeking life assurance cover. Recent reports indicate that some insurers plan to make blood tests mandatory for those applying for a high level of life cover. Already applicants are routinely asked whether they have had the blood test which detects the presence of antibodies to the Aids virus. If the answer is affirmative and the test results are positive, an application predictably has little chance of success.

More surprisingly, having a test and obtaining a negative result is also likely to be counted against the applicant — presumably as indicative of a dubious lifestyle. For those applicants who have

not previously been tested but who otherwise arouse the insurer's suspicions, submitting to a blood test has become a precondition of proceeding with the application. Thus an individual signing on to his employer's life assurance scheme or attempting to obtain an endowment mortgage may be compelled to take a test which he does not desire, which will not afford him information on which he can base remedial action and which, at worst, may profoundly traumatise and stigmatise him. Whether insurers ought to have discretion to impose such a condition is a complex question which should not be left to the insurers alone.

So long as such tests are required, clear criteria need to be established for deciding when the test may be administered, the standards of testing, the provision of adequate counselling, both before and after the test, and strict confidentiality.

Useful guidance can be gained from the United States, where the initial response of insurers was very similar to those here. Aggressive efforts were made to identify and exclude male homosexuals. In some instances particularly invidious approaches were taken, such as excluding all males living in particular urban postal "zipcode" areas and those working in what insurers supposed to be "gay professions". As the fact began to sink in that the risk of Aids spread

much further, broader strategies were developed. At least one insurance company is alleged to have refused automatically all applications from residents of San Francisco.

But in the United States, as indeed in many other countries, insurers are subject to close supervision by independent regulatory bodies who have responded forcefully to such approaches. By the end of last year, a survey covering 40 states showed that just over half, including many of the most populous states where Aids is most prevalent, had already forbidden any discrimination whatsoever on the basis of sexual orientation. Since then, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), the umbrella organization bringing together all state insurance regulators, has produced guidelines calling for the complete elimination of such discrimination.

One third of the states surveyed prohibited questions about prior Aids blood tests, so that individuals with particularly strong reasons to be tested — such as a woman considering having a child — would not be deterred for fear of becoming uninsurable. Seven states reported prohibiting the use of blood tests by insurers altogether.

The emergence in the last decades of the 20th century of a serious, previously unknown disease requires a re-assessment of assumptions with which we have learned to live comfortably. The British insurance industry faces a major challenge in undertaking its responsibilities in this area. When suggestions have been made in the past that this industry should be subjected to greater outside regulation, it has always responded that it can be counted on to regulate itself responsibly and for the common good. The Aids crisis has provided a difficult test of that assertion.

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Tony Blair A breakdown in communication

The scene was the Federal Parliament of Canada. The trade minister, Pat Carney, a formidable woman who makes Mrs Thatcher look demure, was being asked by the Opposition about the "free trade" agreement under negotiation between Canada and the US — a measure as important to Canadians as the EEC referendum was to Britain. Would it prevent individual Canadian states from protecting the prices of certain sensitive products?

The honest answer was yes, thought there might be other benefits flowing from the agreement, such as greater consumer choice and access to US markets. But Mrs Carney could see tomorrow's headlines: "Minister admits states will lose power to keep down prices." So she dodged a direct reply and, very effectively, simply bawled her opponents out. It encapsulated in a moment why politicians have a collective reputation for deviousness, and the problems of communicating ideas in modern politics.

Our news today is instant, hostile to subtlety or qualification. If you can't sum it up in a sentence or even a phrase, forget it. Combine two ideas or sentiments together and mass communication will not repeat them. It will choose between them. To avoid misinterpretation, strip down a policy or opinion to one key clear line before the media does it for you. Think in headlines.

These are very depressing reflections because they bear heavily on the quality of our democracy. The truth becomes almost impossible to communicate because total frankness, relayed in the shorthand of the mass media, becomes simply a weapon in the hands of opponents.

This difficulty is especially acute for radical parties like the Labour Party, full usually of well-meaning folk, brimming over with ideas. They regularly make the mistake of trying to conduct a public debate about policy as if it were a seminar. The Tories, by contrast, recognize the nature of modern politics to the point of cynicism.

A North-east club comedian and Labour member once put the difference between Tories and Labour like this: "Tell a joke in front of an audience of Tories and they may not understand it, but they will all applaud. Tell a joke at a Labour do, they will look at you for a moment and then break off into discussion groups."

The debate in the Canadian parliament was, however, televised. This did not resolve the minister's dilemma, but at least it put it before us, unadulterated, for all to see.

It also allows those who want to follow parliamentary debates to do so through the means of communication that people are familiar with and most prefer. It is really a quite extraordinary reflection on the backwardness of the House of Commons that it refuses

access to the television cameras, when it is obvious that a minimum requirement of democracy is that the debates of the national legislative forum are widely communicated, and when television is now the main medium of communication.

Televising the Commons would have two additional subsidiary advantages. Much has been written in recent weeks about the rowdiness of parliamentary debates, but the fundamental reason why emotions run so high in the Commons is in fact to its credit: it is a real, live debating chamber. Speeches are not just read into the record, they form part of a debate.

Ministers are questioned on the statements they make. (It is this feature of our system, incidentally, that would make it virtually impossible for someone like President Reagan ever to become prime minister.) Put 600 or so human beings of even the most placid temperament in one room and ask them to debate a topic on which they all hold strong views and there is not a collection of people in the world who will not behave as MPs do.

Televising debates would not reduce the noise and rhetorical thunder, but at least, by seeing the participants speak, the atmosphere would be better appreciated and the nature of our parliamentary process readily comprehended. Radio coverage of the Commons on its own, if anything, makes things worse. It actually distorts the transmission of debates by providing sound abstracted from the visual setting.

Television would force politicians into making Parliament the focus of their attention. It would transform the status of parliamentary activity. Politics works through publicity and television is the best form of publicity. Those ridiculous items on the news — where voices are heard but only still pictures or sketches are shown, and even more absurd, where politicians have to be interviewed outside Parliament because they cannot be filmed within — would be replaced by showing live debates. But, more important, MPs would be judged on their performance as MPs. The parliamentary arena would assume a hugely enhanced role.

The exclusion of television is just one obstacle among many others, too numerous to mention, which Parliament itself places in the path of a healthier and more open democracy.

Allowing television cameras into the Commons would not avoid the problems of communicating ideas in our modern mass media. But it might mitigate them and in any event would represent one small but significant indication that parliament was willing to face the 20th century, even if only when standing on the threshold of the 21st.

The author is Labour MP for Sedgfield.

however... Henry Stanhope

Fleshing out the core

The greatest single weakness of our education system is that its future is in the hands of politicians. As ministers would no more send their children to state schools than they would queue to have their corns cut under the NHS, the chances of getting it right are pretty minimal.

Their record of finding names is pretty desperate. Whoever it was who first mated grammar schools with secondary moderns and then christened the child "comprehensive" should have been strung up in a cage from Beachy Head. Why didn't they call them all grammar schools instead — which is where children wanted to go to all along? No doubt when Edward VI dreamt up "grammar" schools, the Duke of Somerset sucked his teeth and said: "Don't fancy that for a name much, my liege." But that was a long time ago and the grammar school is now an institution, as reputable (and as rare) as English chivalry. At least our state schools would have sounded right to parents.

Failing that they should have turned them into high schools — which are held in almost equally high esteem. That noblest of British counties once called Montgomeryshire (before the appalling Heath government subsumed it under the Mid-Wales amalgam of Powys) had the intelligence and wit not only to go "comprehensive" before almost everyone else but to adopt the term "high school" as well.

What's in a name? Well "high" is not only shorter and less ugly but at least suggests attainment and ambition. You may not turn a sow's ear into a silk purse, but at least you can make the alchemy seem successful.

I mention this now because of Kenneth Baker's difficulties in steering his education compromise past the Leader of the Opposition, Mrs Thatcher. The point is that there are things he can do which should cause no offence and please everyone.

There is something else that he should be aware of. A core curriculum might help to ensure that children can read, write and work a pocket calculator, but if he wants to equip children to hold their own in the world, he should try much harder to make them talk proper.

The fact that they don't can be attributed, as much as anyone, to the BBC, which has developed a fascination with regional accents. But while there are those who make their mark by speaking in broad Cockney (or Geordie, Brummie, West Country or Scouse) I would venture to suggest that most people would find the path of advancement very much easier if they spoke in what was once called "BBC" (outside the BBC, that is). Would Mrs Thatcher have risen through the Tory ranks had she spoken like a Lincolnshire fishwife?

Accents apart, the language is being slowly and remorselessly murdered by people who might or might not know which particles and pronouns they should use but certainly don't sound as if they do. Mr Baker should thus think seriously about adding elocution to his "core".

Nor should he let pupils leave school until they have "got it" — as Henry Higgins said of poor Eliza. It is no good turning pupils out when they reach the age of 16 or some other arbitrary figure. They should leave when they are ready and not before; otherwise they will starve — or, like birds which leave their nest prematurely, they will plummet to their destruction far below.

No, they should not be allowed out of school until they have reached certain standards. No boy (or for that matter girl) should leave primary school before he/she can read and write English and recite up to and including his/her twelve times tables. Nor should they leave high school before they can spell, work a simple computer and recite off the names and dates of the kings and queens of England (the finest matrix for giving form to British history). And don't tell me that they could not, because if you asked them the names of the last Tottenham Hotspur team to win the Cup you would find them word perfect.

They would all be so desperate to leave anyway that they would learn not just the names of our monarchs but those of their consorts as well — Eleanor of Aquitaine, Caroline of Brunswick and the rest. Use the carrot and the stick, Mr Baker, if you really want to see our donkeys working.

George Urban analyses the latest Soviet thinking in a book just out — and warns of the trap that it sets for the West

Gorbachov's gospel

We can no longer doubt it with the sole exception of the British Prime Minister, Mikhail Gorbachov is the front-runner in the admittedly uncompetitive field of international statesmanship. Not since Lenin has the Soviet system produced a man with antennae so keenly attuned to so many signals, and not since Trotsky so fine a communicator.

He has read the books; he knows how to connect, how to simplify the impenetrable, and turn disaster into a show of victory. He is the Soviet Union's most potent single weapon in its contest with the Western world. One doubts whether the US administration or the American public are prepared for what will undoubtedly hit them when Gorbachov and his consort descend on Washington in December, for there will be two "great communicators" on stage but only one who has, when the razzmatazz is over, something apparently of substance to say. But is it of substance, and should we take it to heart?

The General Secretary has a message. It comes, unsurprisingly, from the entrails of Marxism-Leninism — but the entrails have been given a fresh reading. The name of the message is *Perestroika* — *New Thinking for Our Country and the World* (Collins £12.95); it is Gorbachov's grand design for the renewal of mankind. A cross between a fireside chat and a sermon, it is nevertheless breathtaking in its audacity.

Lesser mortals might have been content to admit that the Soviet system has misfired; that it needs yet another offer of self-sacrifice from the long-suffering Russian people; that mending-and-making-do under the guidance of the party is the right way out, and any help from friendly countries would be gratefully accepted. For *perestroika* is, in truth, a belated rescue operation — Gorbachov's and the beleaguered system's word for re-inventing the wheel.

But Gorbachov has not stuck to mending-and-making-do, as ideological leaders seldom do. Despite his humility and bonhomie in public places, he is now apparently in the grip of his own hubris. Having barely begun to lift the USSR out of the 18th century, he is telling us all what to do in the 21st. The man who surprised the world with his courageous warnings against the old Marxist-Leninist Utopia is now creating his own. It parades under the name of "new thinking" and is not to be confused with Orwellian analogues.

In Gorbachov's scheme of things, "new thinking" emerges from *perestroika* by some nebulous process of osmosis and extrapolation. The Soviet economy is ill-constructed but so, he gives us to understand, is the current economic order of the planet. Soviet society is insufficiently democratic — so is the relationship between "capitalist" societies and the Third World. Soviet industry has neglected to protect the environment — so has the whole industrialized world. *Perestroika* offers a cure. "Restructuring" is the fruit of Gorbachov's discovery that the Soviet system is a shambles; but he perceives that shambles as a latter-day *felix culpa* which can yet redeem humanity.

But even this is not quite what Gorbachov is saying. The system, he tells us, is not to blame. Indeed,



perestroika is evidence that "socialism" has the strength to reveal its weaknesses and reassert itself with new vigour. The very method of "democratization" (not to be confused with democracy, bourgeois style) has to teach mankind a thing or two. Women should be emancipated; European culture should be valued; co-operation between nation and nation is better than hostility; peace is better than war; no nuclear threat is better than a nuclear threat; a radiant future is preferable to no future.

Such are the flashes of illumination that enlighten the student of Gorbachov's new thinking. Given the character of old Soviet thinking, the new is certainly refreshing, and we should appreciate Gorbachov's enterprise, for he is under serious attack at home. But on the stage of the world which he likes to feel he now bestirred, should we be grateful to him because he has thought a little, or demur because he has thought so little? On balance, no doubt the former.

Unlike Khrushchev, he has come to teach us, not to bury us. "Khrushchev's explanation... was unfortunate in all respects," Gorbachov says. "It should not be taken literally." Now we know.

"Socialism", to be sure, will triumph: on that point Gorbachov leaves us in no doubt. But it will

triumph peacefully because capitalism will see itself forced to accommodate the righteous demands of the unjustly treated throughout the world and will need no extra persuasion from communists — unless, of course, capitalism refuses to lie down and die, which unlikely (as he thinks) alternative the General Secretary is careful not to pursue further in his book or in his speeches.

But laudable as Gorbachov's new thinking may be by Soviet standards, he and the truth still march to different drummers. Where his predecessors' mendacity was complete, Gorbachov speaks perhaps half the truth, and that is no mean achievement in the context of Soviet society, even though it increases the confusion for the uninitiated. His history is as selective as his prognostications from *perestroika* are arbitrary.

Eastern Europe is a good test case. He complains with uncharacteristic blandness that relations between Moscow and the client states in Eastern Europe have been unsatisfactory. The "new societies", he writes, were built "not without losses".

"Drawing on the Soviet experience, some countries failed duly to consider their own specifics... A stereotyped approach was given an ideological tint by some of our theoreticians and especially pro-

tical leaders who acted as almost the sole guardians of truth... They sometimes displayed suspicion toward those countries' approach to certain problems... In some cases all this led to certain objective processes and to the emergence of problems that were not noticed in time by the ruling party and leadership."

So much for Stalin, Zhdanov and Beria and the imposition of the murderous rule of Bierut, Berman, Rakosi, Farkas, Gottwald, Csepik, Ulbricht, Dej, Dimitrov and the rest — none of whom rates a mention. And when Gorbachov comes to consider the consequences of this "stereotyped approach" by "practical leaders", he limits himself to observing that these countries had "serious crises in their development" which were then "dealt with differently".

That is Gorbachov's way of accounting for the invasions that crushed Hungary in 1956, Czechoslovakia in 1968, and the martial law that Jaruzelski imposed on Poland at Soviet behest and with Soviet connivance.

The virtues of "new thinking" are not immediately obvious. That Imre Nagy, Alexander Dubcek, Ota Sik and Lech Walesa have been omitted from Gorbachov's history may not be accidental, for these men are the pioneers of *glasnost* and *perestroika* and may well have to be rehabilitated if Gorbachov means business — and can stay in the saddle.

The repudiation of the Brezhnev Doctrine does not seem to figure in Gorbachov's new thinking. Fresh upheavals would probably be followed by fresh Soviet invasions. He makes it clear that his concern for the emancipation of Eastern Europe is limited to the independence of the Communist parties. Free choice for the nations under Soviet-style rule is outside the limits of *perestroika*.

Each party, he says, has the "sovereign right to decide the issues facing its country", and he observes with satisfaction that, despite the upheavals of 1956, 1968 and the early 1980s (he does not call them counter-revolutions), "a return to the order did not occur in any of the socialist nations". His unspoken message is that the client states can have any kind of freedom and democracy as long as it is "socialism". Of such ambiguities are insurrections made.

Despite these shortcomings, Gorbachov has written an effective book. He sounds reasonable, peaceable and plausible. He has laid a fine trap for the gullible and the frightened, and some of the Western public will predictably fall into it. He appeals to Western European fears of nuclear confrontation and the American sense of guilt. Both are in plentiful supply; they should make his book a fine source of hard currency income for the Soviet treasury.

One detente is behind us; a second detente is upon us. The first saw the expansion of the Soviet Union into a maritime empire while the US Congress was fiddling and Western Europe insisted on the divisibility of detente. It would be a pity if Gorbachov's persuasive words lured us into even graver follies in the second.

The author's publications include *Eurocommunism, Detente and Stalinism*.

Having barely begun to lift the USSR out of the 18th century, he is audaciously telling us all what to do in the 21st. Socialism will triumph — but peacefully, because capitalism will see itself forced to accommodate the righteous demands of the unjustly treated throughout the world?



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO KEEP A SECRET

One of the central lessons of the *Spycatcher* affair is that the law of confidence is a fragile instrument for guarding every kind of official information in the later 20th century. The Security Service, unrecognized as an official branch of the Government and unknown to legislation, is clearly under some duty of confidentiality to the government, but whether this goes further than the duty enshrined in the Official Secrets Act remains to be decided in the present case.

After *Spycatcher*, which followed the (un-suppressed) revelations of MI5 officer Cathy Massiter, which were in turn part of the crisis of official loyalty exposed in the Posing case, it is apparent that reconstruction of the legal base on which the security of the state rests is a matter of urgency. But the canvas is broader than the affairs of the Security Service.

Mrs Thatcher herself appears to be in two minds about open government. Her frank exposure of the facts of the Blunt case and her sharp response to the Bettaney case demonstrated her willingness to scrutinize the security establishment's capacity to manage itself under minimal supervision. Equally, she shares Whitehall's possessive instinct towards official information of all kinds, even as she realizes that Parliament has to undertake, at least, revision of the Official Secrets Act.

It may yet be possible for Mr Peter Wright's *Spycatcher* to be published without compromising any of the principles that the Crown's barristers have sought to uphold during the past 18 months. But there is the beginning, not the end, of the Wright affair. The path forward is twin-track.

Not only must the Official Secrets Act be reformed so that it catches those who are prepared to place the security interests of the State in jeopardy, but the law of confidence must be so fashioned that it does not stifle a healthy discussion of the State's housekeeping and general administrative activities. Upon such a reform of the general law of official information depends the success of trying to enlist allied governments in preventing exposure of genuine secrets. The Wright affair has shown how much mutual goodwill exists between English-speaking governments in the security field, but also how vigilant are the

antipodean courts in rejecting loose definitions of national interest.

Legal action in Australia and New Zealand showed not the impossibility but rather the desirability of codifying the bounds of secrecy. In both those nations, however, there is far greater scrutiny by the legislature of the activities of the security services.

Co-operation, for example in the form of a jointly agreed categorization of security information, depends on the degree of confidence that the politicians and public in other countries will be able to muster, not in British security so much as in the ability of the British system to make a distinction between what has to be secret and what not. Here the frailty of the law of confidence as a substitute for the Official Secrets Act is manifest.

A cheap solution to certain of the issues raised by the Wright case is to recommend parliamentary scrutiny of MI5, as if that were a guarantee of better management and happier agents. The difficult solution — for any set of politicians — is to take a blue pencil to the unnecessary protection afforded to all categories of Whitehall activity by the Act.

Giving MI5 agents some outlet for their grievances is, of course, not unimportant. It has been in Mr Peter Wright's interest to project himself as a man who has been denied an avenue to present his suspicions to responsible authority. The issue of independent redress for disgruntled agents may, however, have already been attended to with the appointment of Sir Philip Woodfield as security ombudsman.

Mr Richard Shepherd's proposed Bill to replace the Official Secrets Act with a serviceable definition of official secrecy ought to shame the Government into thinking for itself. Such legislation may not have stopped Mr Wright, and — in this open world — might not stop any successor. But if it were to delineate more clearly the contrast between information which the public interest demands must be kept secret and information labelled "secret" to spare the blushes of politicians or officials, then dealing with cases like that of *Spycatcher* would be made easier. The Government might also have been spared the ribaldry that has accompanied its dogged efforts at suppression.

MR PERES LOOKS AHEAD

Israel's foreign minister, Mr Shimon Peres, has embarked on a European tour which is looking increasingly like a political campaign. Officially he is still trying to sustain the Middle East peace process, in whose cause he has laboured for so long. In reality he has one eye on the Israeli general election a year from now. Mr Peres is, in fact, nursing his constituency.

The two interests are very closely intertwined. Mr Peres has so identified himself with the drive for a negotiated peace, that the platform he will occupy in Jerusalem next year must contain this as a central plank.

Initially he hoped that he could present himself to the electorate as the man who had made great strides towards a treaty. But that hope now looks increasingly forlorn. Even the international conference, for which he has worked as a means to his end, seems unlikely now to happen before next November. For the time being anyway the peace process has run into the sand and the conference is still a mirage in the heat haze.

In some respects Israel's coalition government has worked well. While prime minister, Mr Peres claimed the credit for economic achievements at home and for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon. But he could not have achieved anything much without the compliance of other ministers in government — including his right-wing rival Mr Yitzhak Shamir. It is on the issue of the peace process that the two sides remain far apart.

Mr Peres is running the risk of trying too hard. He nearly came unstuck last summer over his plan to bring down the coalition by forcing a vote in support of his own peace plan. He was forced to make a tactical retreat when it became clear that he could not command a

majority either in the Cabinet or the Knesset. The alternative might have been his resignation.

Since then he has concentrated on his image overseas, courting support for such a conference both in Europe and America. If the West would come out strongly in his favour, he might appear to the electorate at home as a leader in whom the rest of the world has confidence. He might also persuade most of them that his policies are right.

Last week, however, he made another blunder. His reference to a memorandum of understanding with the United States, which would cover American support for a peace conference and the pattern of future aid for Jerusalem, drew an immediate sharp denial from Washington. Mr Peres says in an interview with *The Times* today that he was misquoted. But the episode cannot have helped his campaign plan.

He is also running the risk abroad of appearing to be a man who cannot deliver. Even the Russians are now said to be growing impatient. Given the divisions within the Israeli leadership, he is certainly in a difficult position. But he should be wary of trying to embroil too many too soon.

So now he has come back to Britain. This Government's closeness to King Hussein of Jordan, its relationship with Washington and its amicable contacts these days with Moscow place Downing Street in an interesting position — which is clearly well understood by Mr Peres. Earlier this year it was the peace process itself which he hoped that British influence might encourage. Now it must be his own prospects in Jerusalem next year that he has in mind.

KENYA'S RESTLESS STUDENTS

Student unrest is nothing new in Kenya, but the worrying aspect of last week's riots in Nairobi, sparked off by the arrest of seven student leaders, was the brutality with which the police responded. Students were clubbed and tear-gassed by police and paramilitary guards as a prelude to the indefinite closure of the university. The arrested leaders are being held without charge, although their crime is believed to amount to no more than suggesting that the university should distance itself from the President.

Among those attacked during the student riots were four foreign correspondents, including a correspondent from the BBC whose spine was damaged. Since the police appear to have known that those involved were journalists, it must be assumed that these attacks — although unplanned — reflect the suspicion of the Western media which has recently become a recurrent theme of the Kenyan government. Coincidentally, 16 American missionaries have been expelled from Kenya, nine of them in connection with patently false allegations about a Ku Klux Klan plot to destabilize the country.

These events lead to two conclusions. The first is that President Moi is adopting an increasingly repressive attitude towards those who voice criticism of his one-party government. The second is that he has become far too sensitive to the idea that "foreigners" are trying to destabilize Kenya.

Why he should feel threatened both internally and externally is far from clear. There is no immediate danger to his position from any quarter, and he retains his popularity amongst the mass of the Kenyan people.

Mwakenya, the undercover group supposedly dedicated to his overthrow, is neither particularly strong, nor successful. By adopting a more repressive approach, and shutting off the traditional safety valve of free speech among the Kenyan intelligentsia, he is likely to intensify and harden opposition by driving it underground.

As for the Western media, the President's hostility stems both from critical reports charting incidents of repression and, in particular, to an Amnesty International report earlier this year which registered a deterioration in Kenya's observance of human rights. To some extent, he has a point. Precisely because Kenya is more open and tolerant than its neighbours, it has become the base for a large number of Western journalists and so receives disproportionate coverage of any government or security force abuses. Compared with much of Africa, Kenya is a reasonably humane country. Its political prisoners can be numbered in tens, rather than the thousands in, say, Ethiopia.

But Western media comment — as well as criticism from friendly Western governments — centres not on comparison with other African countries, but on Kenya's own past record of free speech and relative liberalism. It is not intended to undermine the President, but to express the hope that Kenya should continue to live up to its own good name. Suppressing student protesters, while treating Western correspondents and American missionaries as subversive elements, will do nothing to help this cause, or to strengthen the President's position.

Helping youth to community work

From the Acting Chairman of the Economic and Social Research Council

Sir, I should like to respond to the suggestion in your leading article (November 19) that the Economic and Social Research Council could, "for once", throw off "its Whitehall timidity and academic fastidiousness" by responding to the Prince of Wales's request for a study of the organisation of national community service.

The council was delighted and honoured when the Prince of Wales agreed to write an introduction to our research on "Youth", which appeared in the edition of our newsletter, published yesterday. The council has made it clear in its response that it intends to thank his Royal Highness by responding to his request.

We are already funding a large-scale project on the experiences, views and problems of young people aged 16-19. This research examines the extent to which young people feel challenged by and involved in today's society, and policies which might help develop their resources.

In response to his Royal Highness's suggestion I have already asked that the next phase of the research should include questions on young people's attitudes and involvement with community service on a voluntary basis and their attitudes to a national scheme. The issues will be explored with interviews on a carefully structured sample of over 400 young people in four different locations; the attitudes of a further 5,000 will be investigated by questionnaire. We will have the results by next summer.

The council is not noted for its Whitehall timidity, and almost lost its life five years ago as a result. Today it is alive and well, with a strong independent research programme and a string of projects completed successfully. One of the foundations of this success is the "academic fastidiousness" your leading article exhorts us to throw off — yet it is that fastidiousness which ensures the excellence essential for high-quality research that can influence policy.

We value the imaginative thinking provided by his Royal Highness and the impetus it will give to research. We forgive your misplaced comment and, instead of denigrating our abilities, invite you to recognise our achievements and acknowledge our success.

Yours faithfully,
SUZANNE REEVE
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Economic and Social Research Council,
160 Great Portland Street, W1.

From Dr Ian Bradley
Sir, It is, indeed, welcome news that the Prince of Wales has joined the ranks of enthusiasts for a period of national community service for all young people. But do we really need another feasibility study before we embark on such a scheme?

I know of two detailed studies already in existence on the feasibility of introducing a national

community service scheme in Britain. The first was written by Enrico Colombato, of the LSE, at the suggestion of Professor Ralf Dahrendorf and the second was commissioned by the Youth Call group from Professor David Marsland, of Brunel University. Both contain detailed analyses of how such a scheme would work in practice and demonstrate how many genuine and satisfying jobs there are to be done in the fields of caring, education, health work and environmental improvement.

Successful opinion polls have shown that there is overwhelming public support for a national community service scheme run along the lines of the old National Service and possibly incorporating a voluntary military service or Outward Bound option. There are plenty of agencies already in the field, most notably Community Service Volunteers, with considerable experience of placing thousands of young people in voluntary work.

Commissioning reports on what ought to be done is a terrible British disease. What we need is action, not yet more paperwork. Our young people are crying out for it — please don't let us fob them off with another feasibility study.

Yours faithfully,
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November 19.

From Mr Tony Marlow, MP
for Northampton North
(Conservative)

Sir, It is most encouraging that the Prince of Wales is taking the initiative with regard to national community service. This matter has been debated in Parliament for some time and was given overwhelming support in a motion put down by the late Sir Hugh Fraser.

A scheme could be developed under the umbrella of the Youth Training Scheme. A period of residential basic training in existing Government and private-sector sites would be followed by community service, environmental, and perhaps military options. Initially "action this day"-type staff would be seconded from the private sector and the Armed Forces.

Success would depend on the ability of pilot schemes to catch the public imagination. A high-quality initial cadre would be essential. Costs would be contained by lowering the level of YTS training allowance to subsidise the residential expense.

Certainly, at first, the scheme must be voluntary for financial, logistic and political reasons. For too long our young people have been denied the opportunities for group loyalty, challenge, fitness, travel and the ability to develop the sense of community and commitment that national community service would encourage.

Yours faithfully,
TONY MARLOW,
House of Commons.
November 20.

Britain found wanting

From the President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
Sir, Your editorial, "English export" (November 14), summarises very ably the extent to which Britain's cultural reputation depends on a change in policy and, rightly, calls for the case of increased support to be reopened. You exemplify the parlous state of the British Council and the BBC's External Services, but there are other less easily identifiable victims of the Foreign Office's folly.

A recent visit to five countries in Asia in order to promote postgraduate exchange in medicine caused me despair and embarrassment at being British. Time and again I was asked, why is Britain turning away from those

for whom it has provided educational opportunities for so long? My particular concern is the punitive fees which the University Grants Committee (on Government instruction) has recommended for postgraduate courses in medicine for the last six years: for 1987-88 it is "not less than £8,960".

Many may not realise that Britain used to be the key country for postgraduate training in medicine, not only because of its traditionally high standards in medicine but also because we offered — and continue to — crucially important training in clinical skills as distinct from technology: in other words, how to be a good doctor.

Several generations have profited and the demand in south-east Asia for this training remains very great. The dismay at having to undertake postgraduate training in other countries which offer less is profound.

The repercussions on trade and on our reputation as a cultural nation are grave, particularly when young people receive a better welcome from Australia, the United States, West Germany and France.

You conclude, Sir, that the Government neglects proper oversight of our cultural reputation "at its peril". But it is at the whole nation's peril, for the loss of international good will through this short-sighted, penny-pinching policy will soon be irreparable.

Yours sincerely,
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A bad blow

From Lord Lloyd George of Dwyfor

Sir, Those concerned in East Anglia have clearly done a first-rate job in totally eradicating the copru (reports, February 17, March 27, 1987). Would this not be an opportune time to urge the Government to give a lead in eradicating once and for all a far more widespread pest, namely the grey squirrel?

With the very extensive tree replanting resulting from the recent hurricane, it will become even more important to eliminate these enemies of trees, and it might be a good plan to start in our London parks.

Yours faithfully,
LOYD GEORGE OF DWYFOR,
House of Lords.

Police powers in weapon searches

From Chief Superintendent Michael Farbrother

Sir, An air of complacency and self-satisfaction appears to have settled over politicians since the Home Secretary announced (report, October 8) that he intended to introduce legislation which, with certain exceptions, will make it an offence to carry a knife in public.

Illegal knife-carrying is still to be treated as a very minor offence, with a maximum fine of £400. Under present legislation there is also a maximum fine of £400 on summary conviction, although research has shown that magistrates are loath to impose fines of more than £30.

Secondly, police officers of all ranks are extremely concerned by the restrictions imposed on them, under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, over weapons searches. When the Home Secretary announced to a recent meeting of the Police Federation (report, October 21) that he intended introducing a parallel power of search in relation to his other proposals about knives, it seems to me all misinterpreted what he was saying: there is no intention to give additional powers.

Yours etc.

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Village schools

From Mr Jonathan Cheal

Sir, I am surprised to note Lord Denning's suggestion (November 20) that the legal difficulties and doubts arising from the School Sites Act 1841 "have all been cleared away by the Reverter of Sites Act 1987".

With the greatest of respect to his Lordship, that is not the case. In fact, the 1987 Act missed a wonderful opportunity to clarify the law on this interesting but confusing subject, for all it really did was to provide what would happen to a former school site when nobody came forward to claim the right of reverter.

Unfortunately, the new Act does not explain what happens when there are two rival claimants, the one being a descendant of the original grantor and the other being the current owner of the land out of which the grant was originally made. Many of these school sites were granted by landowners in the middle of the last century and there is much scope for doubt and contention as to who is now entitled to the land when the school closes.

Yours faithfully,
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November 20.

Legal constraints

From Mr S. M. Hamer and others

Sir, Frances Gibb's article on Law Society reforms (November 5) reports that solicitors are being urged to widen their services and improve efficiency.

As trainee solicitors, we feel strongly that this impetus to broaden solicitors' range of work and to encourage businesslike and "entrepreneurial" qualities in the profession is unlikely to be effective while the training of solicitors is so exclusively linked to traditional ideas of legal practice and, in particular, while the Law Society's final course retains its present format.

Although study of traditional "domestic" subjects is vitally important, the course at the moment makes no reference to immigration or European law at all; hardly any to housing or welfare law; and discussion of financial and business law is limited to small firms and partnerships.

Also important is the fact that the pressure and intensity of the course (unequalled, we believe, in other professional exams) has a widespread and potentially damaging effect on students' confidence.

During the year of the course, qualities of individual initiative and critical ability (surely vital to an independent and businesslike legal profession) are severely repressed, while heavy emphasis is put on meticulousness, memory work and the College of Law "core notes" which must in effect be learnt by heart. We fear that the result of this narrowing of vision will continue to shape the attitudes of lawyers throughout their careers.

If the Law Society is sincere in its desire to make the profession efficient, flexible and forward-looking, it ought to look hard and objectively at the nature of the training it is imposing on its new recruits.

Yours faithfully,
S. HAMER,
A. WEEKS,
JEAN ABRAMS,
HILARY PROSSER,
J. R. WADSWLEY,
2 Clyde Park,
Redland,
Bristol, Avon.

Error of judgement

From Mr Richard P. Cook

Sir, Just as surveyors have understanding of certain aspects of the law, so it is helpful for solicitors to have more than a passing knowledge of building construction, particularly at such times as when I was recently asked, in the course of a conveyancing transaction, to specify "whose obligation it will be to repair the Joyce on which the floor of the premises rests".

Yours faithfully,
R. P. COOK,
Booth and Blackwell (Solicitors),
3 and 4 Berners Street, W1.
November 20.

ers to search for offensive weapons.

Police officers are presently inhibited from searching people for knives because, under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, they must have "reasonable suspicion" before they do so, but the standard of "reasonable suspicion" specified has to be of the same high standard as required when an arrest is actually made. If it is not, then not only is the police officer concerned liable to be disciplined, but any evidence that he finds, including the weapon, may be excluded by the magistrate.

I contend that, in prescribed circumstances, police officers should be able to make searches of individuals for offensive weapons without having to establish that very high standard of suspicion to which I have referred.

One appreciates the reluctance of a society such as ours to afford police any increased powers but, in this case, I firmly believe that a minor erosion of our rights as individuals is necessary in order to provide effective protection and deterrence against increasing violence.

Yours etc.
M. FARBROTHER
Metropolitan Police "Knives"
Campaign Co-ordinator,
Kennington Road Police Station,
49/51 Kennington Road, SE1.
November 21.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 24 1930

The Times has always had a close interest in the work of the great museums. In this report it will be noted that Pitt-Rivers was still accorded respect: it was to be many years before new dating methods found that "he" was a fraud.

SKULL OF PEKING MAN

CAST AT SOUTH KENSINGTON

A cast of the fossilized skull and lower molar recently discovered at Chou Kou Tien, near Peking, has been presented to the British Museum (Natural History) by Mr. F. O. Barlow. It was received by the Trustees at their meeting on Saturday and is on view to the public in the Fossil Mammal Gallery at South Kensington for comparison with other skulls of primitive man. The importance of *Sinanthropus* (as the Peking Man has been named) has been emphasized in letters to *The Times* this year by Professor G. Elliot Smith. While the remains are of approximately the same age as those of the Ape Man (*Pithecanthropus*) of Java and the Pithecanthropus of Java (so named) found in the Sussex Weald in 1912, the juxtaposition of casts in the same display-case now enables visitors to recognize the distinctions.

Among the further gifts received this month are several additions to the zoological collection, notably the skull and skin of a semi-elk (*Trimonax*) from Kenya, presented by the Maharaja of Cutch; Sir William Gowen, Governor of Uganda, has placed on loan a recent pair of female elephant tusks which belonged to an animal shot by the late Mr. P. C. Pearson, a game ranger of Uganda, while two small collections of mammals have been purchased from the Cameroons and the Peruvian Amazonia respectively, both containing specimens of rare monkeys. The Collection of Minerals has this month received its first specimen of almandine, a gem from the Rhine ("Reinhold") through a gift from Dr. K. A. Wölffing, of Heidelberg, while Sir Auckland Geddes has presented minerals from the copper mines of Katanga and Northern Rhodesia.

Elsewhere in London the shopping bonanza was in full swing, with catalogue "trumpeting" — handbag tortoiseshell combs mounted in solid gold — at Harrods in Knightsbridge, "a new collection of hats for the Riviera" at Joy's of Regent Street, and, in Oxford Street, at Marshall and Snelgroves.

... some charming novelties in scarves, which are meeting with great success, and which would make very acceptable Christmas presents. In a light, but warm, cashmere material lined in taffeta in brilliant plaids and stripes there are delightful scarves at a guinea, which are being sold as fast as they can be made. Others in reversible satin in cameo shades as well as brilliant contrasts are equally popular and cost 12s. 6d. In cloth, like aunt's weavings, there is a practical and pretty scarf at 7s. 6d. of these are made in their own workrooms, and are in a becoming cut with narrowing ends like a man's tie; there is a big range of colours in all of them. An attractive novelty is a scarf-zouave, which is very useful over evening dresses or for afternoon wear at bridge: it is made in a zouave shape and gives the effect of a draped wide sleeve, in georgette with a raised velvet design in black it costs 49s. 6d., in spotted ring velvet it costs 54s. 6d., and in chiffon and metal brocade, four guineas. An evening scarf wrap made in a rounded shape and finished with fringe is in coloured prints in lace at 59s. 6d. The new season's ribbons are also being shown, and there are lovely new wide chene taffetas for sashes and bags and new wide ribbons in gipsy colours, and a big variety of millinery and dress ribbons.

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Full of Eastern menace

Any programme that begins with a real murder will inevitably tend to fall off, although *World in Action* (Granada) managed to hold the eye for its duration. The murder was that of a swindler who had incurred the wrath of the dreaded Yakuza, Japan's answer to the Mafia; with newsreels crowding round, the gangsters burst down their victim's door and stabbed him to death. This episode was shown on Japanese television, which may say something about the strength of stomachs innured to sadistic game shows, not to mention raw fish.

There were more cats, in full colour, in a tattoo parlour where business is to make gangsters look as though they are wearing permanent silk dressing gowns below the face. Making a living out of being tough would seem to be a matter of some dedication: in order to expiate minor infringements of the criminals' code, a Yakuza member is obliged to sever one of his fingers. Perhaps mercifully, no footage of such an operation was available.

This report took a cool look at the organization's status in Japanese society, where its profile is as high as the rising sun. Not content with running drugs and recruiting "hostesses", the Yakuza may now be found at the AGMs of large corporations, shouting out scandal about the management and demanding of telephone-number blackmail pay-offs. It was an unfortunate coincidence, and one unlikely to inspire confidence, that the police prosecutor charged with investigating such activity had the same surname as the gang boss.

A slightly bizarre *Open Space* (BBC2) had two Belfast university students going on record about "cultural identity". He is a *Speakeasy* reading Protestant whose model for conversion is the philosophy of the Catholic; the other is a bilingual Catholic and staunch Nationalist. To the mainland, it is an abiding wonder that the two factions of Ulster society can even agree to drive on the same side of the road. Sitting awkwardly in the back of a moving car, the two students managed to avoid each other's eyes for most of the programme. *Remed* and *Juliet* it was not.

Martin Cropper

Goodbye to Gregory

Simon Banner talks to Bill Forsyth about his latest work, which shows at the London Film Festival tonight

Bill Forsyth grimaced slightly. "Charming, whimsical and — in America — cute, those are the words people constantly choose to label my films," said the Scottish director of *Local Hero* and *Gregory's Girl*. "I don't think they fit at all. I certainly hope not anyway."

There should at least be little danger of anyone applying those adjectives to *Housekeeping*, Forsyth's latest film. Set in the early Fifties in a town called Fingerbone, a lake-side community in the mountains of the Pacific Northwest, the visually striking *Housekeeping* tells a strangely inconclusive and sometimes disconcerting story of two orphaned teenagers and their unconventional aunt. For all its abundant jokery, the film rigorously ignores the sentimentality that movie-makers tend to lavish freely upon orphans (inevitably wide-eyed), and spinsters (usually lovably eccentric), and even has a shockingly unexpected suicide.

"If you asked me to classify *Housekeeping*," Forsyth comments, "I'd probably impulsively say it was a comedy, but I'm much more interested in the awkwardness of life than I am in adhering to the conventions of movie-making, and that suicide with the car going over a cliff is a case in point."

"I wanted it to make audiences

catch their breath. The special effects team were baffled that I wouldn't film the sequence in exactly the same way they'd always shot similar sequences before, but I was determined to find a way of filming it which would make it violent and bleak, and establish the fact that the character is going to be dead, and that it's not being done for effect."

Forsyth first read Marilynne Robinson's novel of the same name when it was recommended to him by a friend in New York, and purchased the rights to it soon after. He wrote the screenplay for the film himself.

The people holding the purses in Hollywood, however, were less enthusiastic, and Forsyth spent the best part of two years looking for funds for the \$5 million project. Disney were keen, and asked to look at the script as soon as it was ready. "They still haven't phoned back," Forsyth notes. Then came permutations involving Virgin, Hemdale, and "Swedish oil money", while Cannon remained interested so

long as Diane Keaton was prepared to play the movie's central character, the batty Aunt Sylvie.

"Diane Keaton had her own attitudes to what a director is and what a star is," Forsyth says, "and she used to give me notes about the script. You know, about how she had ideas for little scenes, and how she could make Sylvie a lot more interesting, and why wasn't the sheriff younger, and why didn't he call on her more often... I didn't even resist those ideas. I ignored them, so I suppose she got uneasy. And then so did Cannon. We approached David Puttnam in panic. He saved *Housekeeping* rather like he saved John Boorman's *Hope and Glory* at about the same time."

Forsyth, who was born in Glasgow in 1947, began his film career as an assistant cameraman. He moved on to direct a series of industrial films, including an apparently "especially good" one about chip-pan fires. Despite such seemingly modest beginnings, though, he says that his

ambition to make feature films always seemed achievable.

Even so, *That Sinking Feeling*, made in 1977 with unemployed youngsters from Glasgow's Youth Theatre, and a budget of just a few thousand pounds, was the first feature film ever to be made in Scotland by a native Scot. In effect, it proved a useful trial run for the more ambitious *Gregory's Girl*, which won critical plaudits and healthy box-office returns around the world.

Forsyth's larger ambitions mean he must almost inevitably look outside Britain for funding, as he did for *Housekeeping*. The money for his next project — an adaptation of Dylan Thomas's *Rebecca's Daughter*, which will be filmed in Scotland — has come entirely from Germany and the United States.

"We'll have to see what happens to *Housekeeping*, but the memories of *Gregory's Girl* do help. You know, *Gregory's Girl* took about three years before it went into profit, which it really couldn't avoid doing because it only cost £200,000, but I'm sure not many people know that, not even in the film business. They just think of it as a successful film, and it's that perception which allows me to stagger on. The film business, you see, is all emotion, and very little fact. Rather like the Stock Market."



Bill Forsyth: started his career with a film about chip pans

By the nose to India

THEATRE

L'Indiade
Théâtre du Soleil
Paris

There is little need to ask the way to the Théâtre du Soleil. When you arrive in the woody wilds of Vincennes on the outskirts of Paris, simply follow your nose. Spicy wafts of this famous theatre cooperative's latest creation, *L'Indiade*, or *L'Inde de leurs rêves*, lead the way through the one-time army training ground to the ancient shed, which since 1970 has been the home of the Théâtre du Soleil, founded by Ariane Mnouchkine 23 years ago and still one of France's most stimulating experimental groups.

Once inside, the rest of the senses are submerged in a cacophony of sounds that magically transport you to India. In the auditorium, lighting designer Jean-Noël Cordier's blazing Indian sun-fights is softened by billowing canopies.

Guy-Claude François's design is not so much a décor, more a reconstructed environment. On this occasion, the customary *houssoude*, or

places, mimics India's teeming animation and members of the company mix with the audience, speaking in broken English.

In a setting that conjures up the overhung back streets of Delhi, the rest of the company assume the multi-racial faces of India between 1937 to 1948. *L'Indiade* recounts the turbulent and bloody years that led up to the partition of India. Written by Hélène Cixous, it is a literary tapestry woven out of facts, brought vividly to life by the whole company under the creative eye of Mnouchkine.

A lot of attention has been paid to physical resemblances to the principal protagonists in this bitter slice of contemporary history. Where the



Georges Bigot as Nehru

physical does not quite shape up, the psychological takes over. Georges Bigot is not quite the *doppelgänger* of Nehru, but his eyes and determination are those of the Indian Prime Minister. André Perez Araya, while spindly, lacks the deceptive leanness of Mahatma Gandhi, but the fire and childlike fervour that burn in Araya's interpretation are worthy of those that flamed within the pacifist guru.

This scrupulous attention to characterization is thrown into relief by Mnouchkine's *Kafkaesque* direction, which splits the events into a series of dramatic tableaux, each one identified by a series of symbolic props, set-up and dismantled on the run; the pace determined by Jean-Jacques Lemercier's exemplary Indian musical score. Lemercier's versatile trio also agitates the adrenalin during some well-executed civil war skirmishes.

The total enjoyment of *L'Indiade* is, however, dulled by its excessive verbosity. A trait that, not for the first time, makes the work of Théâtre du Soleil shine less bright in the eyes of an audience, despite the excellence of the carry in the interval.

Diane Hill



Pickity: Donna Summer

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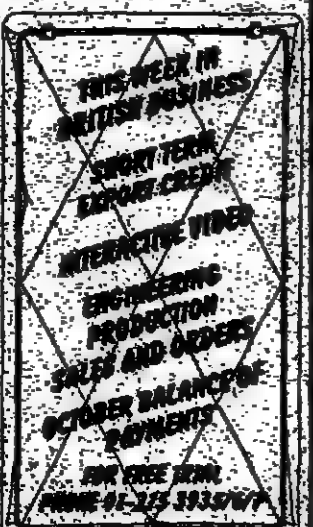
Donna Summer
Royal Albert Hall

In the late Seventies, when she localized punk movement was claiming the lion's share of coverage in the music press, Donna Summer was leading a parallel revolution as the unchallenged queen of disco. Her sensual anthems forged a strange alliance between chrome and cocktail nightclub hipsters (including significant numbers from the gay community) and the holiday resort class. Friday night on the tiles crowd, her legacy can be seen clearly in the work of a group like the Commodores, who have built up a sizeable catalogue of material based on the same pneumatic beat, glitzy neo-supper club arrangements and high, keening vocals.

Summer's own enthusiasm for the formula has diminished, and parts of her performance on Sunday were an attempt to wean her audience on to the adult orientated rock of her current album *All Systems Go*. The title track and "Jeremy", a dull ballad, made little impression, but much mileage was gained from the current hit, "Dinner With Gershwin". Looking like a hastily-dressed Barbie doll in a purple tulle party frock with a pink satin bodice and black lace leggings she established a prickly rapport with the audience, cracking odd jokes about Indians and the "strange" accents to be heard in England. Her supply of banalities about life when she was a little girl and the importance of "dreaming your dream" unraveled badly, as American ones tend to do.

Still, with her seven-piece band and three backing vocalists she ploughed through enough old hits — from "MacArthur Park" to "She Works Hard for the Money" plus segues of "I Feel Love" with "Sunset People" and "Bad Girls" with "Hot Stuff" — to make sure her fans did not leave disappointed. Her clear, powerful voice never faltered, but her sense of mission, now wrapped in a soft, carefree, religious zeal, has in general been lost.

David Sinclair



Breathless intensity

CONCERTS

Brian
Ferneyhough
Huddersfield

Brian Ferneyhough is like one of those artists who invest fantastic scripts and fill whole volumes with hieroglyphs that nobody can decipher. His is an absurdly become decadent: in the face of a hopelessness about communication, the music plays on and on, awesome and even heroic in its continual racing after more and more total bewilderment.

Sunday night in Huddersfield provided the rare opportunity of being at once numbed and amazed for an

hour, when his three *Time and Motion Studies*, written in the 1970s, were played consecutively for the first time. They show the inappropriate complexity of Ferneyhough's style carried to a point of unhinged musical glossolalia. First a bass clarinetist (Harry Spaarmay) screams breathless through ten minutes of almost non-stop excitability; then a cellist (Alan Brett) battles for more than twice as long against the obstacles of ferociously demanding notation and crudely demeaning electronic adjuncts; and finally 16 vocalists (London Sinfonietta Voices under Terry Edwards) whisper, groan and ululate through webs of unmeaning. Performances in these cases have to be judged not by the success with which they present some musical ideal

but by the intensity of their success: in such terms the evening was triumphant.

Ferneyhough's more recent music has shown some backsliding into merely human forms of communication, and the trend is continued in his *Third Quartet*, played earlier in the day by the Arditti just a month after its Paris premiere. The first movement, in a stillness that keeps bursting towards activity, is beautiful, elegant and very nearly lucid in its motivic connections; the second is much more a race against time, but marked out by imitation and contrast. The language is still strange, but the letters are starting to look more familiar.

Paul Griffiths

Requiem for a glorious past

Philharmonia/
Giulini
RFH

The pall of yesteryear hung heavy over a concert which lived, moved and had its being very much in the past tense. The occasion was the thirtieth birthday of the Philharmonia Chorus.

An affectionately assembled exhibition commemorating the life of their much loved founder-chorusmaster, Wilhelm Fitt, stood guard in the foyer (it will be officially opened today by Elisabeth Schwarzkopf); and Carlo Maria Giulini, whose partnership with Fitt represented the golden age of the Chorus, returned to conduct them in the Mozart *Requiem*.

Much of the distinctive Philharmonia sound is still there: the sopranos' ability to breathe a sound into being; the alacrity of response which makes a line propulsive as well as incisive rhythmically; the rich, strong weave of the male voices.

The Chorus were indeed the glory of last night's performance, but even "glory" seems an overstated concept in a reading of such gently undulating contours, and of rhythms and tempi which can only be described as enervating.

Giulini seemed, in fact, overawed by the work; yet any sense of awe on the part of the audience was ruled out by the ill-assorted team of soloists who dragged the performance down to a level barely worthy of the occasion.

This was not, perhaps, the time, the place, or the work for Elizabeth Harwood, neither was she at all happy in the company of Anne Gjevang's trombone-like mezzo.

Peter Seiffert and Robert Lloyd between them contributed two further and differing styles of Mozart singing and phrasing: one began to flinch at every entry.

Mozart's Symphony No 39 was sepia-tinted, too. Giulini's restrained tempi and lovingly elided phrasing gave refreshing air for the woodwind to breathe. But the Philharmonia are now programmed to expect a little more direct input from the baton, and much of the subtlety of Giulini's reading was lost.

Hilary Finch

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THE ARTS

Rich pickings among the poor

Hard Times
Manchester City Art
Gallery

L.S. Lowry
Salford Art Gallery

Manchester City Art Gallery apparently had the greatest difficulty finding anyone to sponsor its new exhibition *Hard Times*: not glamorous enough, too depressing. Who wants his business to be associated with Victorian unemployment, famine, strikes and slums? In the end only the Fine Art Society was willing to step in, and though the show is entirely concerned with British art, it has been made viable in Manchester (its solitary British venue until January 10) only by the active co-operation of the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and the Yale Center for British Art.

It is sad that the private sector looks with favour only on the prettier picture, for *Hard Times* is an extremely important and eye-opening show, re-directing our attention to a whole long-neglected area of British art in the nineteenth century. By now practically every Victorian school of painting, except for the social realists, has seen a major revival of interest and dizzying climb in price.

This is no doubt why painters like Hubert von Herkomer, Frederick Walker, Frank Holl or Luke Fildes are hardly names to conjure with nowadays. Even Watts's major paintings on social subjects, such as *The Irish Famine* and *Found Drowned* (both included here) proved impossible to sell in his own lifetime.

It is understandable that the catalogue/book by the exhibition's organizer Julian Treuherz (itself an invaluable piece of original research and documentation) and his on-the-wall captions should be a little too defensive: there is sentiment, certainly, in such paintings as Thomas B. Kennington's *Widowed and Fatherless* (1888) or A.E. Mulready's *A Recess on a London Bridge* (1879), but not enough to warrant terms like "mawkish" and "maudlin".

There proves to be surprisingly little need for the defensive tone. In many respects the centre of the show, psychologically speaking, is to be found in the *Graphic*, which week by week, from 1869 on, published engravings on social topics of the day. It was these images of British labour and the British poor, captured by artists such as Fildes, Holl, Herkomer and Boyd Houghton, which so enthralled Van Gogh that he became an avid collector. (Many of the actual *Graphic* illustrations in the show are borrowed from his collection).

In the pages of the *Graphic* there was precious little easy sentimentality. Nor was there in the paintings which were the major occupation of its artists. Sometimes it is possible to think that the illustrations are superior to the paintings: with Herkomer, for example, one can often see a certain softening and weakening of the image if there is a

correspondence, as between the oil study for the *Graphic* picture *"Old Age - A Study in Westminster Union"* and the finished painting *"Evening: A Scene in the Westminster Union"*, where everything is slurred and conventionalized. There is, however, no sloppiness in the Herkomer which gives the show its title, nothing to mitigate the bleakness of the itinerant workers' lot on the wintry country road.

As well as bringing to light again these paintings with a clear social message, the show also finds some fascinating examples of, by the look of it, unweighted realistic observation, such as the little-known Eyre Crowe's lively image of disgracefully independent mill-girls *"The Dinner Hour, Wigan"* or his very curious *"Convicts at Work, Portsmouth"*. There are also unfamiliar canvases which immediately captivate just as paintings, message or no, like Frederick Brown's exquisitely modulated *"Hard Times"* or John Henry Henshall's brilliant *"Behind the Bar"*, a deliberate reversal (in attitude and physical viewpoint) of Manet's *"The Bar at the Folies Bergères"* in which the anti-drink message is only one constituent of a sparkling, observation-packed whole.

Manchester City Art Gallery's much-criticized reconstruction of Lowry's sitting-room and studio, *Mr Lowry at Home*, designed to mark the centenary of his birth points us naturally in the direction of Salford, where until November 29 the Art Gallery has the largest Lowry retrospective there has ever been or is ever likely to be. (Subsequently the show, in a somewhat reduced form, will tour to Middlesbrough, Coventry, Stoke-on-Trent, Exeter and finally the Barbican.) Possibly there is altogether too much: it depends how you look at it. Lowry, after all, was not exactly the most varied of artists, and quite frequently in this show you get the feeling that when you have seen one bleak, almost monochromatic townscape peopled by matchstick men you have seen them all.


However, against such heretical notions it must be observed that to the sympathetic eye this makes Lowry into a surprisingly modern figure, producing his variations on the same theme in much the way that recent artists like Warhol deliberately produce serial images. Also, there are undoubtedly unexpected elements. Not so much the academic figure-drawings from his student days (though it is interesting to know that he could do it if he wanted to), or even the mysterious later fetishistic drawings of girls in bondage to giant bows. But there are some astonishing, almost abstract landscapes without figures, in which his eye for bizarre shapes and unexploited viewpoints in the heart of the everyday is strikingly in evidence. Also, it is illuminating to hear from his own lips (recordings of his voice are featured both here and in Manchester) that he considered pencil drawings in many ways harder work than oil paintings.

John Russell Taylor



On the streets, on the road: Lowry's *A Fight* (1935) currently at Salford Gallery, and *Hard Times*, by Hubert von Herkomer, centrepiece of the *Hard Times* exhibition at Manchester

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An all-American English style

Twenty years ago, Ralph Lauren launched his own fashion company. It was 1967 and the four-inch wide silk kipper ties he had designed and was touting to New York stores needed a label. From the pukka English-sounding names that he tossed around one afternoon, Lauren settled on Polo and registered it as his trademark. The anniversary of that first canter into the menswear market has passed with little fuss because 1987 has proved to be a milestone in Lauren's life for a different and more significant reason.

It is not simply that the collection he has just shown in New York for Spring '88 has won critical acclaim and stands out in a frivolous season as being thoroughly modern, sharp and relevant. Nor is it the dazzling performance of his 80 Polo Ralph Lauren shops around the world and the success of his licences, which total \$1.2 billion (£677 million) a year. In the middle of this triumphant year, Lauren had an operation to remove the cause of a persistent ringing in his ears: a brain tumour that was luckily benign. Back in business, this handsome, vigorous man says the experience transformed his whole attitude to life.

"I am now ahead of the game with an experience like that behind me," he says.

After a summer convalescing at his Colorado ranch, he is relishing city living. At the end of a working day that still starts with a five-mile run around Central Park, he finds time to see friends and attend dinner parties. Dressed in his customary well-worn jeans, cowboy boots and denim Levi shirt, Lauren appears to luxuriate in the pressures of running the international empire in which he personally holds 90 per cent of the shares.

"For years I thought I could not pack more into my life. I now feel the energy rushing through my blood," he says. "It is stimulating to make contact with people and important to keep in touch with those you love."

When Christian Lacroix was in New York, Lauren

By creating enduring style rather than trends, Ralph Lauren (right) has stayed at fashion's summit for 20 years

made a point of having lunch with him. "He is a bright designer. He has a good philosophy about life and a fine sensibility." Lacroix is a regular customer at Lauren's Paris shop in the Place de la Madeleine. Lauren is the only New York designer with a significant following on this side of the Atlantic. His first European shop opened in London's Bond Street six years ago; the newest opened in Geneva last month.

Lauren's office is lined with horsey paraphernalia, drawings by his three children and industry awards he has picked up.

Throughout his two decades in the industry, Lauren has been consistent in his commitment to an enduring style rather than trends. His anti-fashion ideals are squarely rooted in his romantic image of an aristocratic way of life, all Harris tweeds and velvet smoking jackets, saddle-scoped riding boots and monogrammed slippers, as well as his allegiance to western denim, patchworks and puritan flourishes of his own American heritage.

His flouting of every fashion rule and his instinct for authenticity and quality have won him an ardent following — first in menswear and, since 1972, in womenswear, in both of which he varies reassuringly little from year to year. After a season of shows in which other designers seemed to address themselves to costumeing women to look like porcelain dolls, Lauren's integrity in providing women with what they really want to wear shines through.

"I watch women," he ex-



plains. "I may not have been to design school but I must be doing something right. It is because I am the consumer and I design for myself. Other designers are in the fashion business. I feel I am creating a movie. I write the script through my clothes. I design the complete woman."

This season Ralph Lauren has clearly decided to rewrite his script and his classy look-

ing heroine has been given a few costume changes. Skirts are shortened. Sugary colours have been added to his favourite neutrals of navy, white and khaki and petticoats have been glimpsed to pouffe out short dirndls in tulle. But there are always the comforting flashbacks to the neat tweed jackets and pin-tucked tailored trousers, the T-shirts and silk or satin camp shirts

that his heroine already has in her wardrobe and around which she can build her updated look for 1988.

"I love the look of a beautiful girl in a big shirt, leather jacket and jeans, but a woman needs to add to her wardrobe. I love romantic clothes but the time is right for a little more sophistication. I can still enjoy a mellowed old Rolls while driving a beauti-

fully designed and technically advanced Porsche."

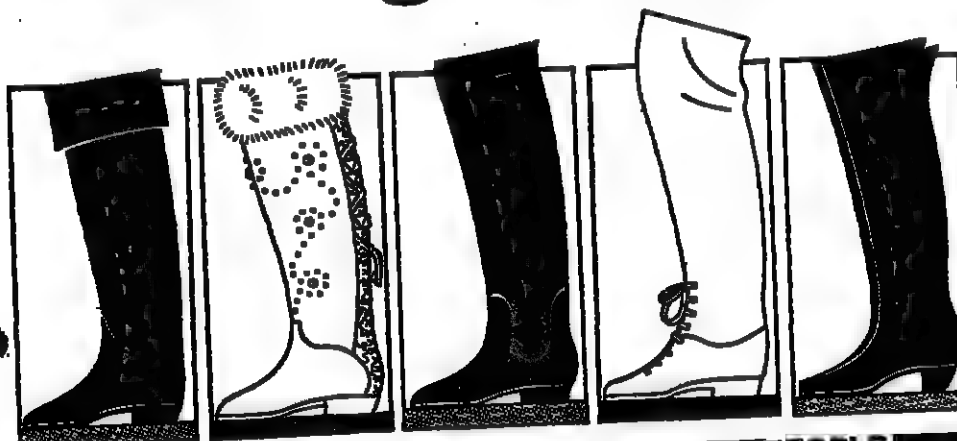
The car analogy emphasizes a new priority in Lauren's life. Although mysterious hints are made about a new career as a film producer, Lauren's newest passion is the pursuit of his early ambition to become a racing driver. He is taking lessons. "I have more energy today than ever before," he says. "I know I can do it all."

Above: The classic hacking jacket in honey and brown houndstooth tweed, £250; chocolate velvet jodphurs, £125; cream silk camp shirt, £235; paisley silk and wool squares, about £80, from a selection; riding boots, £357

Left: The ultimate cashmere suit in brown and black herringbone; jacket, £495; skirt, £281; ivory silk camp shirt, £235; long suede gloves, £110; antique jewellery from a selection at Esther de Deo; tights, £7. All Ralph Lauren, 143 New Bond Street, W1

Photographs by Tony McGee
Hair: Peter Forrester for Daniel Galvin. Make-up: Leanne Hirsch

Knee high and spry



The short skirt has high-kicked back into vogue its partner in any leggy line-up, the tall boot. In matt velvety suede or glossy calf, the high boot is the stylish and practical way to dress legs exposed by the new high hemlines. The snazziest reach above the knee, smartly stiffened with cuffs, often in fur. Others are allowed to slide down and wrinkle comfortably. Prices range from £70 for a pair of suede flats, to glossy waders at Manolo Blahnik or Mand Frizon at about £400.

1. Black thigh-high leather or suede boot, also in brown, fold-down cuff, £130, Hobbs branches. 2. Rhinestone-studded tan long boot with fur cuff, £195, Russell & Bromley branches. 3. Black suede boot, also in brown, £69, Pied à Terre, 14 Sloane Street, SW1; 33 Kings Road, SW3. 4. Thigh-high brown leather faced boot, £280, Johnny Moke, 396 Kings Road, SW10. 5. Black square-toed over-the-knee suede boot, also in red or brown, £149, Elizabeth Stuart-Smith at Midas, 27a Sloane Square, SW3.

Illustrations: Joyce Macdonald

PEOPLE Swept away

A glance through the pages of any recent international glossy would give a sense of the unstoppable pace and energy generated by the work of the fashion photographer Bill King, who sadly died last week in New York. A wind-blown girl in a carnival-coloured skirt barely stops in the mid twirl. Click. A gleaming vision wrapped in saffron races down steps in high sandals and winks. Click. King may not have invented the running, laughing, windswept style of fashion photography (Avedon, among others, had used it before), but for two decades he was its most polished master both on the editorial pages of *Vogue* and *Bazaar* and on advertising spreads, most notably for Lancôme (with his friend and model Isabella Rossellini), Valentino, Hermès and Coveri. He displayed his skills in portraiture in a series of photographs of "legends" for Blackglama fur promotions, a talent which will be exposed in the portraits of dancers which he selected for a book on which he was working with Peter Adam, an author and television director. It will be a fitting tribute to his talent.

Cred spread

After Hardy Amies, Paul Smith is the British menswear designer with most international appeal. He has 10 shops in Japan and one in Manhattan, and tomorrow he celebrates the expansion of his retail empire along Floral Street in Covent Garden with a show at the Café Royal. Launched in his new shop will be the Paul Smith range of colognes and toiletries, which will also be available from Harrods and Paul Smith stockists across the country.

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THEATRE

LONDON

★ **BACK WITH A VENGEANCE:** Dame Edna Everage back again toasting the press. *Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-838 2860), Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, Sun 3-5.15pm and Sat 7-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-3.30pm, £5.50-£17.50.*

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★ **J J FARR:** Albert Finney and Bob Peck in new Ronald Harwood drama about a priest emerging from five months captivity as a hostage. *Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294), Tue: Tottenham Court Road, Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, mat Thurs and Sat 3-5.15pm, £4-£12.50.*

★ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** Charlton Heston takes over the role of Sir Thomas More in the strongly cast transfer from Chicago's *Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-838 8888), Tue: Charing Cross, Mon-Fri 7.30-10.15pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£14.50.*

★ **NANA:** Shared Experience's production of Zola's tale of decadent abandon in turn of the century Paris. *Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-559 4404), Tue: Highbury & Islington, Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £4-£7.*

★ **PETER PAN:** Barrie with music; George Cole with the hook, and Lulu lying off to Never-Never-Land. *Cambridge Theatre, Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-739 5299), Tue: Leicester Square, Mon-Fri 7.30-10pm, mat Wed and Sat 3-5.15pm, £5.50-£14.50.*

★ **WAITING FOR GODOT:** Alec McCowen and John Arlott play Didi and Gogo in Beckett's first and greatest play. *National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-828 2252), Tue: Waterloo, Preview tonight 7.45-10.15pm, £5.50-£5. Opera tomorrow 7.45-9.30pm, £5-£13. Then in repertory.*

★ **LONG RUNNERS:** The *Business of Murder*, Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3035). ★ *Cats*, New London Theatre (01-405 0072), cc 01-404 4078. ★ *Chances*, Prince Edward Theatre (01-733 0951). ★ *Street Drury Lane Theatre Royal* (01-836 8108/910). ★ *Las Vegas*, Dancergues, Ambassadors Theatre (01-435 6111), cc 01-839 1171. ★ *My Darling Clementine* (01-839 3216). ★ *Starlight Express*, Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

★ **COVENTRY:** ★ *Guardian Angels* Commissioned play by Julian Garner, set in Ireland and England between 1914 and 1968. *Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055), Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, £3.50-£5.20.*

★ **MANCHESTER:** ★ *Lost Patrick* Barrow and Bernard Galtagher in a play about a lost Irishman, heartless comedy. *Royal Exchange Theatre, College Road (061 624 2529), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£5.20.*

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SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

(U): Walt Disney's first animated feature, 1937, looking better than ever (83 min). *Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111), Progs 1.45, 4.30, 7.15.*

GALLERIES

★ **MARTIN WRIGHT'S PICTURES:** First showing as a collection for 81 paintings bequeathed to the gallery by artist, bookseller and publisher William Wright (1807-1886). *Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Road, London SE21 (01-693 5254), Tues-Sat 10-10pm, 5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Feb 28.*

★ **VICTORIAN ENGRAVINGS:** Engravings after important paintings by Leighton, Frith and others, which were often themselves masterpieces. *Mass Gallery, 15a Cliford Street, New Bond Street, London W1 (01-734 2302), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, free, until Dec 4.*

★ **CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION:** Works by Ayrton, Craxton, Minton, Moore are among the festive offerings. *Constitution Hill Gallery, The Old Motcombe Street, London SW1 (01-235 0500), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Jan 9.*

★ **THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** Textiles, jewelry, furniture, Crafts Centre, London W1 (01-930 4811), Tues-Sat 10-5pm, 2-5pm, free, until Jan 3.

★ **DAVID MACKIE:** New works made from china dogs and images of the banister rail by an innovative Scottish sculptor. *Nicola Jacobs Gallery, 9 Cork Street, London W1 (01-479 2300), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Dec 23.*

★ **HARD TIMES:** Works by Herkimer, Holl and Fides, among others, explore social realist themes in Victorian art. *City Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester (061 235 9422), Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Jan 10.*

★ **FRANCIS HOOKINGS (1869-1947):** A tribute to a fine New Zealand painter. *Gillian Jason Gallery, 42 Inverness Street, London NW1 (01-267 4833), Tues-Sat 10.30-5.30pm, free, until Dec 5.*

★ **THE STYLE COUNCIL:** It is almost five years since the mighty Jani split up, leaving Paul Weller's bubblegum soul crew as its disappointing legacy. *Woodward Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 3.30pm, £2, (22 for members).*

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★ **LA FILLE MAI GARDEE:** Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in Ashton's romantic comedy, *Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.30-10pm, 24.50-£14.*

★ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Schallhaus's somewhat over-the-top production for London Festival Ballet. *Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade, Bristol (0272 289444), 7.30-10pm, £4-£14.*

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reminders of the Skylark which graced the Festival of Britain, the aviary at London Zoo and the Sydney Opera House. The story also takes in the Humber Bridge and North Sea oil rigs and looks to the future with the Channel Tunnel. The exhibits include photographs, lithographs, drawings and models. Linked to the exhibition are two series of lectures, one of them designed for children, which will run through December and January. *Great Engineers* is being opened today by the Duke of Edinburgh and the first public day is tomorrow. Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-584 5020), daily 10am-6pm, free. Until January 31. *Peter Vaymark*

★ **DEBBIE BROWN:** Start of English tour by the rich-voiced Jamaican singer whose records are new for the *reggae* charts. *Wish Lloyd Parke's We The People Band, Studio, Frogmore Street, Bristol (0272 276153), 8pm, 25.*

★ **LULLU:** Scottish Opera's new production of Berg's complete opera, sung in English and conducted by John Maucard. *Theatre Royal, 282 Hope Street, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.30pm, £2-£21.*

★ **DIE FLIEDERMAUS:** Welsh National Opera's elegant new production of the opera, sung in English and conducted by Suzanne Murphy as the Rosalinde. *Apollo Theatre, George Street, London (0855 244544), 7.15-10.30pm, £7-£21.*

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★ **LA FILLE MAI GARDEE:** Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in Ashton's romantic comedy, *Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.30-10pm, 24.50-£14.*

★ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Schallhaus's somewhat over-the-top production for London Festival Ballet. *Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade, Bristol (0272 289444), 7.30-10pm, £4-£14.*

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ENGLAND AND AUSTRALIA

★ **Penelope Thwaites** plays an unusual and interesting selection of pieces illustrating musical links between the Americas and us. Among the composers represented are Bax and Arthur Benjamin, Granger and Gosses, Southey and Cyril Scott, Rubbra and Rood. *Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-828 3191, 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £2-£12.50.*

★ **TOVEY/LSO:** See caption. *Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-828 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm*

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC1

- 6.00 **Celebrity** AM. 6.35 **Edgar Kennedy** in *In Love* at 40 (D.V.). 6.55 **Weather**. 7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxa. Includes regional and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25. 8.40 **Open Air**. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes. 6.55 Regional news and weather. 9.00 **News** and weather followed by **Neighbours** (r). 9.30 **Kilroy**. Robert Kilroy-Glik chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject. 10.00 **News** and weather followed by **Going for Gold** (r). 10.25 **Children's BBC**. Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** (r), and **Penny's House** (r). 10.55 **Five to Eleven**. A thought for the day from Barry Foster 11.00 **News** and weather followed by **Open Air**. Among the guests are the star of *A Perfect Spy*, Peter Egan, and the serial's producer, Colin Rogers; and Desmond Wilcott with two of the men featured in his programme on *Aids*. 12.00 **News** and weather followed by **Daytime Live** with Pamela Armstrong. Alan Titchmarsh reports for Jack but is surprised by the topic of conversation. 1.50 **Going for Gold**. Quiz series presented by Henry Kelly 2.15 **Knots Landing**. Gary makes a momentous decision and receives the shock of his life. 3.00 **Eamonn Andrews: The Story of "This is Your Life"**. A repeat of the *Did You See...* special that went behind the scenes of *This is Your Life*, in tribute to the programme's late presenter. 3.35 **The Clothes Show** includes a visit to Stirling and a chat to Mary Quant. Presented by Selina Scott and Jeff Banks. 3.50 **Fremantle Sam** 4.05 **Henry's Cat** (r). 4.15 **Simon and the Witch**. Episode four. 4.35 **Record Breakers** includes an attempt on the fastest wheel change, introduced by Roy Castle. 5.00 **Newsround** 5.10 **Grange Hill**. Episode 17 (r). (Coefax) 5.35 **Mastermind** 57. Quiz game for teams. 6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. 6.30 **London Place**. 7.00 **Divided We Stand**. Comedy series starring Anna Keaveney and Shaun Curry as an unhappily married couple. (Coefax) 7.30 **EastEnders**. Den receives a visitor with a dodgy proposition; Rod tries to find Mary after her meeting with the social worker; and Wilmet-Brown makes a decision that doesn't find favour with Angie. (Coefax) 8.00 **Last of the Summer Wine**. Clegg, Compo and Seymour decide to mark the death of an old school friend (r). (Coefax) 8.30 **The Larry Henry Show**. Comedy series. The guest is Clive Lloyd. (Coefax) 9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Maryn Lewis and Debbie Throver. Regional news and weather. 9.30 **International Snooker**. Fifth round action in the Tennents UK Championship. Champion, David Vine from the Guild Hall, Preston. 10.15 **Cry Freedom: The Inside Story**. (see Choice) 11.05 **International Snooker**. A further visit to the Guild Hall, Preston, the venue of the Tennents UK Championship. 12.10 **Weather**.

BBC2

- 9.00 **Celebrity**. 9.52 **Daytime** on Two. Children examine light and dark 10.15 **Part Nine** of a ghost story 10.38 **Investigating Science** 11.00 **Drums and Drumming** 11.10 **Wondermaths** 11.25 **Maths investigations** 12.00 **Statistics** 12.30 **Textiles** - colouring 12.50 **Microtechnology** 1.20 **For the young** 1.38 **Alternative technology** 2.00 **News** and weather followed by a series for four- and five-year olds. 2.30 **See Hear** (r) 2.45 **Blizzard's Wooden Toys**. In this first of a new series, Richard Blizzard constructs a model Sopwith Camel biplane. 3.00 **News** and weather followed by **International Snooker**. The last two fifth round matches in the Tennents UK Championship 3.30 **News**, regional news and weather. 4.00 **It's My Pleasure**. Thora Hird talks to Desmond Lynam about her favourite television moments. 4.35 **International Snooker**. A further visit to the Guild Hall, Preston. 5.30 **Film** 57 (r). 6.00 **No Limits**. Rock music programme presented this week from the Yorkshire Dales. 6.50 **Rally Report**. Day three of the Lombard RAC Rally. 7.00 **Open to Question**. A studio audience of young people asks question pop musician Billy Bragg. 7.35 **Rockschool**. Part six of the series on making music in a rock band. 8.00 **Food and Drink** includes an item on tipping and the recipe for home-made ginger beer. 8.30 **Brass Tacks**: Fag Ends. How far should measures to protect non-smokers go? 9.00 **Entertainment USA**. Jonathan King goes north to Canada and visits Vancouver. 9.30 **Footsteps**. David Drew follows in the footsteps of American explorer Hiram Bingham who, in 1911, discovered the spectacular ruins of Machu Picchu in the Peruvian Andes. (Coefax) 10.30 **Rally Report**. Highlights of the third day of the Lombard RAC Rally. (Coefax) 10.45 **Newsnight** 11.30 **Weather**.

ITV/LONDON

- 6.00 **TV-am** introduced by Heather Scott and Richard Kays. News at 6.00 and 6.30; weather at 6.35; sport at 6.40; and *Overload* 6.55. 7.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Kays. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; and pop music at 7.55. After Nine includes a discussion on body massage, with Clare Maxwell-Hudson. 9.25 **Thames news headlines**. 9.30 **Runway**. Travel quiz presented by Chris Searle 10.00 **Santa Barbara** 10.25 **News**. The Place... Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject. 11.10 **Rainbow**. Puppet series 11.25 **Thames news headlines** 11.30 **After Britain**. A portrait of 72-year-old Dorset farm-worker Charlie Pitcher. A visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds. 12.30 **News** with Julia Somerville 12.50 **Thames news** 1.00 **Rally** - Ace Spies. The philanthropic secret agent marries his third wife (r). (Oracle) 2.00 **Cross Wit**. Word game presented by Tom O'Connor. 2.30 **Janet Robinson Meets the Earl of Strathmore**, an Australian with 12 children 3.00 **Farmhouse Kitchen**. Grace Mulgan's quest is Jill Myers of the British Dietetic Association 3.25 **Thames news headlines** 3.30 **The Young Doctors**. 4.00 **Rainbow**. A repeat of the programme shown at 11.10. 4.15 **The Telegoons** 4.25 **Emu's World** with Rod Hull. 5.15 **Blockbusters**. 5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart 6.30 **The Roxy**. Pop music programme presented by David Jensen and Kevin Sharkey. Among tonight's guests are Paul McCartney and Lulu. 6.50 **News**. 7.00 **ITN World News** 5.30 **CHN** Headline News. Ends at 6.00.

CHANNEL 4

- 9.30 **Schools**. 12.00 **Business**. Daily. Business and financial news service presented by Susannah Simons. 12.30 **Just 4 Fun**. For the young. 1.00 **Autocade**. The last programme in the Open College series on car maintenance. (Oracle) 1.30 **Make it Count**. Fred Harris discusses metric units. Last in the series (r). (Oracle) 2.00 **Their Landings** House (r). 2.15 **Flare** (from Sci-Fi 1988). (b/w) A silent comedy starring Buster Keaton as the whimsical son of a steamboat owner who becomes involved in a feud with a rival boat owner. Directed by Charles F. Riley. 3.35 **Man and His World**. Cartoon. 3.45 **News**. This week's edition of the magazine programme for the older viewer includes a report from Florida on the lifestyle of two English ladies living in Sun City, a retirement community. 4.30 **Champion**. Today's challenger is Darryl Dinkin from Cobham, Surrey. 6.00 **Switched**. Vintage American comedy series.

The film of the film

TELEVISION CHOICE

● **Cry Freedom: The Inside Story** (BBC1, 10.15pm) is a location report from Zimbabwe on Sir Richard Attenborough's film about Steve Biko. What goes on behind the making of a movie is often as interesting as the finished product. Several good books have been written on the theme, including Lillian Ross's *Picture* which remains a classic anatomy of Hollywood wheeler-dealing. No doubt similar battles and compromises occurred over *Cry Freedom*, but if they did we hear little about them tonight, save that on a visit to South Africa to research the film Attenborough was branded a tool of Moscow and was nearly roughed up by right-wing louts in a gent's loo. We do hear a lot about the logistics of rounding up 20,000 people to act the mourners for the Biko funeral sequence, but after Attenborough's crowd scenes for *Gandhi* this must have been chicken feed. Kevin Kline, the American actor cast



Sir Richard Attenborough directing the Steve Biko funeral sequence in his film *Cry Freedom*: BBC1, 10.15pm

as the journalist Donald Woods, grapples with the South African accent. The real Donald Woods is on hand to put him right. There are glimpses of Attenborough in action, prompting this tribute from the executive producer, Terry Clegg: "He can coax a performance out of a block of wood - and we have worked with quite a few tree trunks over the years". Sweating under a straw hat, Sir Richard

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below). News on the half-hour from 6.30 am until 8.30 pm, then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight. 5.30 am **Adrian John** 7.00 **Moore from Edinburgh**. Breakfast Show 8.30 **Simon Bates** 12.30 pm **News** 12.45 **Gary Davies** 3.00 **Steve Wright** 4.30 **News** 5.45 **Bravo** 6.30 **Janice Long** 10.00-12.00 **John Peel**. VHF Stereo Radio 1 and 2. 4.00 am **Radio 2** 10.00 am **Radio 2** 12.00-4.00 am **Radio 2**.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below). Sports Round-up 8.00 am 4.00 am **Colin Berry** 5.30 **Ray Moore** with **Round Britain Children in Need** 7.30 **Derek Jameson** 8.30 **Ken Bruce** 11.00 **Esther Rantzen** 1.05 pm **David Jacobs** 1.55 **Clara Howard** and 3.30 **Adrian Lowe** 5.05 **John Dunn** (Children in Need auction, including *Phantom of the Opera* tickets) 7.00 **Jackie** 7.30 **News** (21) **Serials** 8.00 **Beautiful** 7.30 **The Radio Orchestra Show**, presented by Steve Rave 10.00 **Tunes** the **Backers Whistled**, with **Cliff** 10.30 **News** 11.00 **The News** 11.30 **Stuart Maconie** 1.00 am **Steve Madden** 3.00-4.00 **A Little Night Music**.

WORLD SERVICE

All times are given in GMT. 8.00 am **News** 8.30 **London** 9.00 **News** 9.30 **24 Hours** 7.30 **Future** for **Post 7.45** **News** 8.00 **News** 8.30 **Reflections** 8.15 **Tech Talk** 8.30 **From the Prime** 8.45 **News** 9.00 **News** 9.30 **Financial News** 9.45 **Sports Roundup** 9.55 **Music** for a while 10.00 **News** 10.15 **News** 10.30 **International** 11.00 **News** 11.05 **News** about Britain 11.15 **Worldwide** 11.25 **Letter** from Scotland 1.30 **London** 12.15 **Radio** 12.15 **Midnight** 1.25 **Sports Roundup** 1.30 **News** 1.35 **94 Hours** 1.45 **News** 1.55 **World** 2.00 **News** 2.15 **World** 2.30 **News** 2.45 **News** 2.55 **World** 3.00 **News** 3.15 **World** 3.30 **News** 3.45 **World** 3.55 **World** 4.00 **News** 4.15 **World** 4.30 **News** 4.45 **World** 4.55 **World** 5.00 **News** 5.15 **World** 5.30 **News** 5.45 **World** 5.55 **World** 6.00 **News** 6.15 **World** 6.30 **News** 6.45 **World** 6.55 **World** 7.00 **News** 7.15 **World** 7.30 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Shoot-out in Woolwich backstreet



Sunbury Street, Woolwich: The scene of yesterday's gun battle between a team of police marksmen and a gang of three armed robbers. (Photographs: Denzil McNeelance)



Riddled with bullets: The BMW used by the armed gang, left, with the snatched money bag in front. Right: A police officer removes handguns used by the robbers in the shoot-out. Spent cartridges were strewn across the street near the getaway car.



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to me. I knew something was about to happen. A Securicor van pulled up outside the shop and the two men burst back out on to the street. Both men were white and one was wearing dark glasses. They stood in front of the van, their backs were to me, and one of them was swearing and shouting and pointing something at the driver of the van.

The two Securicor men in the van got out and stood beside it. One of the robbers went to the back of the van and I did not see exactly what he did but he ran off with a green canvas bag and jumped into a silver BMW parked nearby. It sped off at high speed down the street. There were police everywhere and helicopters flying above," Miss Miskin said.

The BMW travelled the half-mile to the garages in Sunbury Street, where the flying squad and firearms unit officers — the latter the only ones carrying guns — were already waiting.

A gold coloured car, separated by a wall from the getaway vehicle, was to have been the "switch" vehicle. The shooting began in a small square flanked on one side by lock-up garages and on the other by a wall only yards from old people's homes, and a fire station.

The six armed officers moved in as soon as the BMW stopped. The police were in a straight line holding guns and

called out a warning. A man got out of the front passenger door and fired, and then everyone seemed to be shooting," said a woman who saw the incident from the balcony of her flat on Kingsman Street, which backs on to the row of 17 garages.

Mr Stephen Bee, aged 26, said he was alerted to the incident by the sound of police walkie-talkies in the stairway outside his flat in Sunbury Street. He said: "As I looked out of the window the police were coming out of derelict houses and out from the other side of the lock-up garages. They were in plain clothes but wearing black caps with black and check bands."

"The police were lined up against a wall, with their backs to the wall and with their arms pointing towards the robbers' car. A couple were carrying pump-action shotguns."

"There were about eight police lined up, all in plain clothes. They shouted a warning: 'Put your weapons down.' Then there was a shot; a policeman got shot in the leg. He was dragged behind a wall. They pulled him around beside an Audi car and started treating his wounds," Mr Bee added.

"As soon as that happened it was 'bang, bang, bang' — as quick as that. The police must have left off about three or four rounds each. It frightened the life out of me. They were lined up like a firing squad. Bullets must have been going all over the place."

Spy 'must take his secrets to the grave'

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He added that *The Sunday Times*, which had paid £125,000 "for the privilege of ensuring that millions read Mr Wright's work", should not be able to proceed with its plans to serialise the book.

The Observer and *The Guardian*, which had first brought the public's attention to the book, had known it was claimed to be in breach of trust and confidence, he said.

Just because Mr Wright avoided his obligations elsewhere did not mean that newspapers should get a "charter for mass circulation" in this country.

That would dismay those in the security services who were loyal and decent, and elate those disloyal and deviant. "It is very important for our courts to uphold our law."

Earlier in the day Mr Justice Scott agreed to an order which

will give him discretion to impose reporting restrictions under the Contempt of Court Act. He agreed firstly that the ban on *Spycatcher* material imposed on newspapers by the House of Lords in the summer should continue until the end of the trial, which is expected to last three weeks.

He also agreed that as far as daily press reporting of the proceedings is concerned, he will make an order on a daily basis if he thinks it necessary

for prohibiting the publication of any *Spycatcher* material. If no order is made, the press are free to publish the day's proceedings.

● **WELLINGTON:** The British Government has no "key to the door" of New Zealand's courts in its bid to stop a Wellington newspaper printing *Spycatcher*, the High Court in Wellington was told yesterday (A Correspondent writes).

Commons sketch

It's the big show but is it truly art?

It was all topsy-turvy from the start. Usually, there seem to be few inhabitants of the British Isles whom, in Mr Harry Greenway's eyes, would not benefit from a spot of caning, banning, castrating, or deporting.

Yet here Mr Greenway (Conservative, Ealing North) was making a liberal call for the abolition of electricity standing charges for old age pensioners.

Seconds later, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Labour, Workington), whose spindly finger is always pointing rudely at the Government, and which, having pointed, points on, was singing the praises of nuclear energy, begging Mr Cecil Parkinson to give the old Labour government some credit for having initiated it.

While seasoned political observers waited expectantly for Mrs Thatcher to start arguing in favour of unilateralism, or, at very least, Mr Roy Hattersley to put in a good word for aut cutlets, Mr Richard Luce, normally very much the stay-at-home type, began saying how much he'd like to see Nottingham again.

During the 10 minutes in every three weeks of Parliamentary time allotted to him as Minister of the Arts, Mr Luce seems to spend most of his time trying to convince the House that, far from being a genial cove, content with his lot, he is in fact a crazed tourist, desperate to rush hither and thither at the very mention of a Mime artist in Skegness or a Concrete Poet in Slough.

In yesterday's 10 minutes, no fewer than 41 different Members wanted him to sing the praises of their own Community Free Verse Rap, or work Projects, and to promise to come and enjoy them as soon as possible.

The only way out for the poor man is to greet every suggestion with boundless glee, waving his hands in delight and pretending to book his ticket post haste, all the time knowing that in a few minutes he will be back home merrily leafing through back numbers of the *TV Times*.

Mr Roland Boyes wanted him to go to the Museum of Photography in Bradford. Miss Joan Walley wanted him to visit Stoke on Trent City Art Gallery. Mr Bill

Michie had the museums in Sheffield in mind. Mrs Margaret Beckett suggested Derby Museum, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours the museums in Cumbria, and Mr Frank Haynes the museums of Nottinghamshire.

The slightest note of irritation crept into Mr Luce's voice. He had just paid them all 17 per cent more than he needed to: surely he could now be left off actually visiting them?

Behind all these suggestions lies an invitation for the Minister to visit "Savage Cuts and Government Neglect", a touring show soon to be on permanent display throughout the country. Mr Toby Jessel (Conservative, Twickenham) sought to divert the Minister into something more patriotic, mouthing a tuneless rendition of that old favourite, "The Conservative Party Is The Party That Really Cares About The Arts".

Whenever this grand old lullaby is being sung, someone else in the Conservative party hands around a plateful of Elgin Marbles so that concert-goers might have something to chew on while they tap their feet.

Mr Nicholas Baker (Conservative, Dorset North) said that were the Marbles to be removed, it would be "a dagger blow between the shoulder blades of those who benefited from a Classical Education".

History does not record whether Lord Elgin made sure that no Greek had ever benefited from a Classical Education before he made off with their Marbles.

"... as I say, they were legally acquired", said Mr Luce.

"Legally acquired?" yelled Labour backbenchers.

"Yes, legally acquired", said Mr Luce.

"Many people actually believe they were stolen", said Mr Tony Banks (Labour, Newham North-west). He then appeared to initiate a new Labour Arts cause, to support Venice in its bid to regain the bones of Casanova.

However, as causes go, it is doubtful whether the Casanova Marbles would have quite the same ring.

Craig Brown

Space research lost

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200 space firms by suggesting that there may still be possibilities for the other two major parts of the European space programme: of a new launch vehicle, Ariane 5; and Columbus, Europe's contribution to the American space station planned for eight years' time.

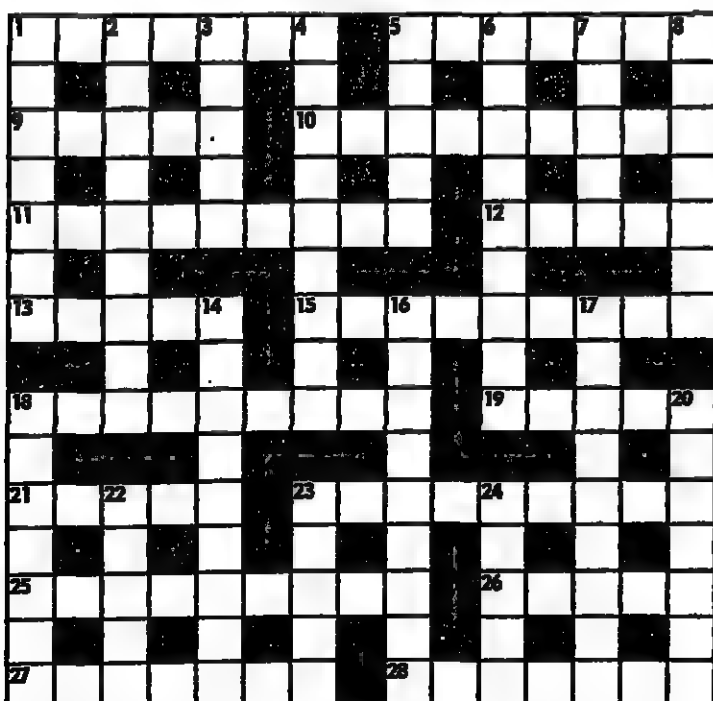
Mr Leeming has said that negotiations over the expanded space programme gave Britain a three-month deadline to confirm its position. Britain, he says, would still be interested if the European agency could show that Ariane 5 could be built as a commercially practical launch vehicle.

He has also advised companies to keep bids open for Columbus.

● **Fears confirmed:** The loss of contracts will confirm the fears of many MPs and peers (Sheila Gunn writes).

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Trade and Industry Minister, is to appear before the Conservative back-bench committee on space tomorrow, and the House of Lords' select committee investigating space policy has called Sir Geoffrey Patten, Mr Clarke's predecessor, before them tomorrow to try to explain the drastic change in Government policy between 1985 and 1987.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE No 17,522



- ACROSS**
- 1 Mate here, in more ways than one (2,5).
 - 5 Dark soon, here in Ireland? (7).
 - 9 After retreat, contend with hard time (5).
 - 10 Constant? One employed by trainer (6-3).
 - 11 Daily's mad, perhaps, to be a servant (5-4).
 - 12 Essayist goes on about a girl (5).
 - 13 Joke makes little change to nobility (5).
 - 15 A couple of dolts could be so trite (5-4).
 - 18 Spaniard held back by the Irish supporter? Not he (9).
 - 19 King writing about princess (5).
 - 21 Animate gallant young fellow (5).
 - 23 Eccentric's instrument for fiddler (4-5).
 - 25 Develop in the lab or at experimental section (9).
 - 26 Contradict opinion endlessly (5).
 - 27 Demonstrated limits of excellent fabric (7).
 - 28 Viewer's outcry (5-2).

- DOWN**
- 1 Finished drink? Some coincidence! (7).
 - 2 Programme, so to speak (9).
 - 3 Test matches — with this result? (5).
 - 4 Girl's put on garment to do stripping act (9).
 - 5 Turned, roughly speaking, in part of South-East (5).
 - 6 Cosmetic best after infection (4,5).
 - 7 Crime as gunmen pinched from politician (5).
 - 8 Erratic course over part of city (7).
 - 14 Demolish county after first innings (5,4).
 - 16 Rebellious one demanding quick action about partners (9).
 - 17 Former bridge designer in court (3,6).
 - 18 Lots of Constables society means to have (7).
 - 20 Top dog could be Pom? Sure (7).
 - 22 Tailor gives a daughter fitting (5).
 - 23 Move effortlessly along shore (5).
 - 24 Witch gets one by replacing contents of spell (5).

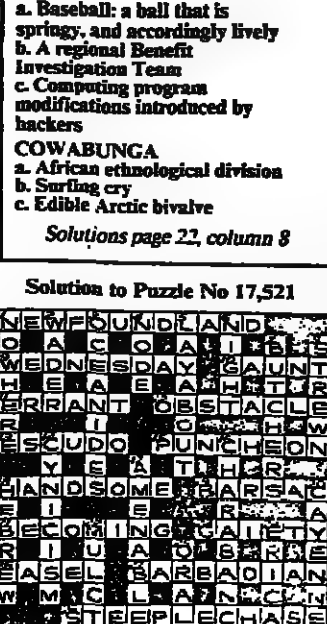
WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?
By Philip Howard

- ALGORITHM**
a. A logical procedure
b. Arabic musical notation
c. Dismissal of seaweed
- RIVELLING**
a. Wrinkling in paint
b. Decorative edging in chattering
c. Hooking in the Essex Wall Game
- LOCCOL**
a. The tangent of a quark
b. An acrylic adhesive
c. Letters to a science fiction mag
- RABBIT**
a. Baseball: a ball that is springs, and accordingly lively
b. A regional Benéfice Investigation Team
c. Competing program modifications introduced by hackers
- COWABUNGA**
a. African ethnological division
b. Surling cry
c. Edible Arctic bivalve

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,521



WEATHER

All parts of the country will have showers with bright or sunny spells. Showers will be heavy at times — especially in the east where they will be more frequent, with snow over high ground. Generally rather cold with an overnight frost in sheltered places. Outlook: Further showers in most parts of the country — especially in the east. Overnight frost again expected in many sheltered places.

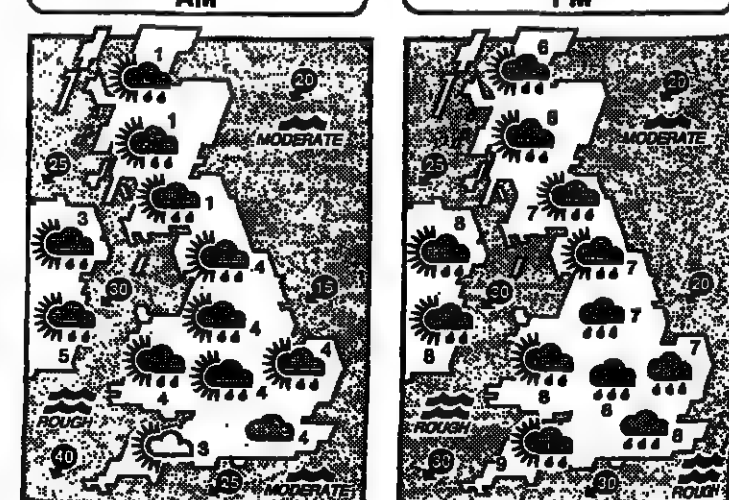
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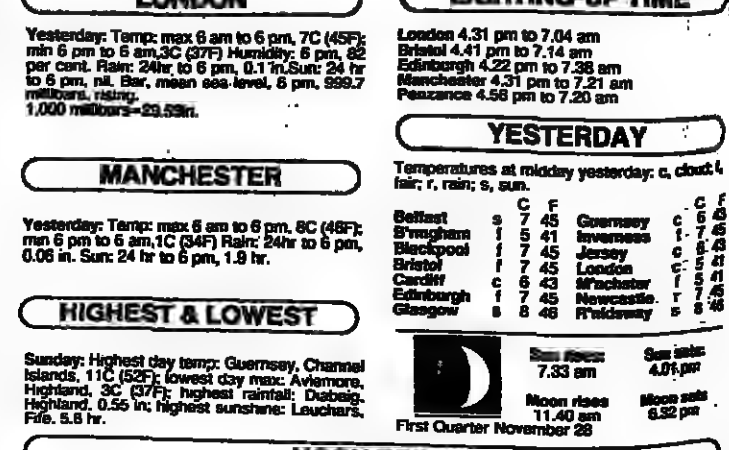
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West Midlands	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24
East Midlands	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24
North East	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24
North West	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24
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Wales	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24
Scotland	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24
Northern Ireland	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24

AM



PM



MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.6 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.5 hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 11C (52F); lowest: London, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.6 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.5 hr.

THE MOON

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.9 (October)

London: The FT index closed up 23.7 at 1029.2.

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1309.4 (+23.7)
FT-SE 100
1657.7 (+24.3)
Bargains
24205 (28924)
USM (Datastream)
133.76 (+1.97)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7885 (+0.0090)
W German mark
2.9850 (-0.0037)
Trade-weighted
75.7 (same)

SAS plans
'to bid
for B-Cal'

SAS, the Scandinavian airline, is believed by sources in the City to have approached a number of fund managers to underwrite a counter-bid for British Caledonian, the privately-owned, Gatwick-based airline.

The B-Cal board, which has 21 days to make up its mind on the £147 million, revised offer from British Airways, is said to be divided on the BA offer.

However, BA will not be pushed into increasing its offer for B-Cal, regardless of what SAS or any other airline may bid, according to Lord King of Warraby, the BA chairman. This week formal share-purchase notices will be sent out to all B-Cal shareholders and BA is confident that a significant number will accept.

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Emap up 51%

Emap, the newspaper, magazine and exhibition group, is raising its interim dividend from 0.87p to 1.1p a share, following a 51 per cent increase in interim pretax profits from £3.6 million to £5.45 million.

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Shoe group up

Chamberlain Phillips, the shoe component, adhesives and specialty chemicals group, reported a 40 per cent increase in pretax profits to £3.4 million in the six months to end-September. Turnover rose from £50.2 million to £58.7 million. An interim dividend of 1.4p was declared (1.2p).

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	1913.78 (+0.16)
Dow Jones	2895.00 (+10.00)
Nikkei Average	Closed
Hong Kong	2141.71 (+72.99)
Amsterdam Gen	1250.8 (-5.7)
Sydney AO	1250.8 (-5.7)
Frankfurt	1320.5 (-5.2)
General	3813.8 (+15.8)
Paric CAC	289.5 (+4.0)
Zurich S&K Gen	504.7 (+6.1)
London	
FT-All Share	1309.4 (+23.7)
FT-100	1657.7 (+24.3)
FT-Gold Mines	299.0 (+5.8)
FT-Fixed Interest	95.91 (+0.27)
FT-Govt Secs	90.61 (+0.42)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISERS:	
Morgan Grant	285p (+22p)
Anchor Chemical	575p (+150p)
Sherrill Chemical	325p (+20p)
Rowntree	402p (+16p)
Avon Rubber	507p (+20p)
English China	382p (+19p)
Jacksons Bourne	307p (+25p)
Pilkington	207p (+17p)
Pearl	325p (+17p)
Corn. Gold	737p (+38p)
New Intd.	525p (+25p)
Inchcape	575p (+30p)
Carlton Comm.	580p (+37p)
Eucalyptus Pulp	550p (+125p)
Comsteel	350p (+20p)
Merville Moore	350p (+25p)
Mersy Docks	323p (+18p)

FALLS:	
Schroders	875p (-50p)
Barton Transport	725p (-50p)
Cussins	385p (-30p)
Closing prices	

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	8%
3-month interbank	8.11%*
3-month eligible bills	8.11%*
Buying rate	
US Prime Rate	8 3/4%
Federal Funds	5 1/2%
3-month Treasury Bill	5.72-5.70%
30-year bonds	100-100 1/2

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£/\$	1.7885
£/DM	2.9850
£/Sfr	2.0037
£/Yen	163.60
£/A\$	0.8145
£/NZ\$	0.6855
£/Indonesian	133.76
£/ECU	1.3376

GOLD

London Fixing:	
AM \$468.25 pm \$469.40	
close \$470.00-470.50 (\$262.50-263.00)	
New York	
Comex \$474.50-475.00	

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec)	pm \$10.00bbl (\$17.75)
Danish latest trading price	

Markets cool on deficit deal

Dealers disappointed by terms of US pact

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Markets yesterday registered mild disappointment with the cut in the US budget deficit agreed between President Reagan and leaders of Congress on Friday. In the first dealings since the package was announced there was little sign that the cut had achieved its primary objective of reviving market confidence.

The dollar opened lower as the anticipation built up on Friday evaporated, and the currency then drifted for much of the day. It closed in London a little off its worst, down 1.05 pence from the pre-weekend close at DM1.6690.

Stock markets were no more enthusiastic. London share prices opened slightly lower but optimism from the Confederation of British Industry survey injected some buoyancy, and the FT-SE 100 index closed up 24.3 points at 1,657.7. Trading was very slight with volume less than a fifth of the peak level just after

the crash. Wall Street opened fractionally lower.

Disappointment with the US package focused both on its broad composition and the fact that the details have not been fully agreed between the President and Congress. Mr Ian Harwood of Warburg Securities said: "It is quite possible that it will not get through Congress untouched. What people will be looking at is whether the full \$30 billion off this year's deficit is delivered or whether it turns out to be some lower number."

Postponement of the meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations was seen in markets as unfortunate.

Markets are looking to the G7 meeting to open the way for further co-ordinated cuts in interest rates. But this prospect was seen yesterday as having been at best deferred. In London gilt-edged prices fell by about 1/2 of a point.

The likely difficulty of reaching agreement on measures to complement the cut in

the US budget deficit was underlined yesterday by the economic report of the "Five Wise Men" in West Germany, who with one exception urged caution in any loosening of German fiscal and monetary policy. A strong strand of opinion within the Bundesbank is opposed to cutting interest rates further when the money supply is growing above the target range.

The Japanese have emphasized that their economy is already growing strongly. They are only likely to cut interest rates further if others do so as well.

Market sentiment will face a further test later this week with trade figures due from Japan, West Germany and Britain.

The pound closed unchanged on its effective index at 75.7. It was up nearly a cent against the dollar, at \$1.7885, and weakened almost a penny, to DM2.9845.

G7 to meet 'after budget approval'

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The next meeting of the Group of Seven nations, aimed at resolving pressing economic problems after the stock market crash, is not likely to take place until after December 16, US officials said yesterday.

That is the deadline for passage of the agreement on budget deficit reduction announced last week. Officials said yesterday that Mr James Baker, the treasury secretary, will not agree to a G7 meeting until he has secured the deficit-reduction legislation through a reluctant Congress.

Meanwhile, US officials

have begun preparing for the G7 talks, which they hope will result in a broad new commitment to take the political steps necessary to prevent a global recession.

A high-level West German official said yesterday that if Washington persists in its highly public criticism of the economic reforms in Bonn the G7 meeting will end without a satisfactory solution.

Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German finance minister, is under considerable political pressure at home and will not advance new, potentially unpopular,

stimulative measures if the US keeps up the public pressure, officials said.

The US will not agree to any dollar stabilization measures unless the big surplus nations, notably West Germany, agree to implement macroeconomic policies that support exchange rate goals.

Also, the Reagan Administration, alarmed by the prospect of a domestic recession prior to the next election, will reserve the right to refrain from raising interest rates to support the dollar if this would plunge the economy into decline.

Merrill chief to head TSA

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mr Stanislas Yassukovich, head of Merrill Lynch's international operations, is taking over as chairman of The Securities Association which aims to be the principal self-regulatory body for the securities industry in London.

Mr Yassukovich, who was already on the TSA board, replaces as chairman Mr Andrew Large who has moved to Switzerland following his appointment to the main board of the Swiss Bank Corporation. Mr Yassukovich is already deputy chairman of the Stock Exchange, a position

he will continue to hold. He will also keep his position with Merrill Lynch.

He said that he would continue TSA's operations as they had been under Mr Large, but he would also use his position as chairman to help promote the principle of a common international regulatory system for securities.

TSA expects to complete the redrafting of its rule-book within the next few days. It then hopes to receive recognition from the Securities and Investments Board as an SRO

shortly after the new year. Its members will eventually comprise most of the international securities firms based in London.

The regulatory framework will come into effect next April when Mr Yassukovich said the next critical exercise would begin. "We then have six months to see whether further refinements and improvements to our rulebook are necessary. Although a tremendous amount of work has already been done, there may still be more to do," Mr Yassukovich said.

Growth forecasts 'undented' by crash

By Our Economics Editor

Economic forecasters do not expect growth in the economy to slow down next year by much as a result of the stock market collapse. The latest monthly comparison by the Treasury of independent forecasts shows no change in the average growth forecast for next year which stays at 2.4 per cent.

Five out of the 11 forecasters in the latest comparison have produced new estimates since the crash. At the weekend the London Business School also revised its GDP forecast from 2.8 per cent to 2.7 per cent, and if the LBS numbers are included the

average forecast falls from 2.4 per cent to 2.3 per cent.

This is still a small revision to the expected level of growth next year and less than the reduction in the Treasury's own forecast in the Autumn Statement from 3 per cent to 2.5 per cent.

The separate comparison of forecasts made in the City, which tend to be more up-to-date than the other forecasts, also shows GDP growth unchanged next year at 2.4 per cent. Six out of the nine City forecasters monitored have produced post-crash predictions.

Other features of the fore-

cast comparison are lower inflation, a lower public sector borrowing requirement and lower unemployment.

Retail prices are now expected to rise at 4.3 per cent a year by the fourth quarter of

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next year rather than 4.6 per cent last month. PSBR forecasts for 1988-89 have been revised down from £3.9 billion to £2.4 billion, or £1.8 billion from City forecasters, and in the current year the PSBR is expected by the City to turn out at £1.5 billion.



Family firm saves GM Bedford truck-maker

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The 1,100 jobs at Bedford Trucks' Dunstable factory have been saved after the sale by General Motors of the military truck and coach maker to a small, privately-owned company.

The future and gradual expansion of the modern Dunstable factory have been assured by the new owner, Mr David Brown, who has made his money developing and producing the world's largest articulated dump truck from his factory at Peterlee, near Newcastle upon Tyne, which employs 600 people.

Undaunted by the considerable overcapacity in the truck industry and the might of the big European truck producers, Mr Brown said yesterday he would reintroduce within eight months the trucks GM had stopped making late last year when it

withdrew from the heavy truck market in Britain. Iveco Ford, Leyland-Daf and Renault have all benefited from a boost in demand after Bedford's demise.

"Some of our European competitors have wisely already written us off," said the new chairman, whose family will own the Dunstable operation. Mr Brown, aged 62, said that to cope with tough competition, "what you have to do is make a better product."

The Dunstable plant will build 5,500 military trucks, coaches, and lorries for the Far East this year and output is expected to rise to 8,000 in 1988, when Mr Brown predicts a gradual increase in the workforce.

At least 70 jobs will be saved by transferring former GM engineers and staff from

Luton to Dunstable, where the new company will operate as AWD Ltd (All Wheel Drive). The Bedford name will continue to be used on army trucks and in export markets.

Bedford is competing for a Ministry of Defence order for 20,000 medium-mobility trucks against Leyland-Daf and Volvo. Mr Brown commented: "We intend to win the order. The MoD is very pleased that we are going to be competing for the contract."

The takeover, for an undisclosed sum, marks the end of GM's involvement in heavy truck manufacture. GM claims Dunstable has recovered financially to operate close to break-even, and with reduced overheads and improved productivity, Mr Brown expects AWD to be profitable in its first year.

Hutton begins merger talks

By Our Banking Correspondent

Shearson Lehman Brothers and EF Hutton, two of America's largest securities houses, yesterday began merger talks in a move that could create the largest securities firm in the US.

The merger talks may be a direct consequence of losses in the stock market collapse. EF Hutton is believed to have made substantial losses since mid-October, but has not revealed their size.

A Shearson spokesman said EF Hutton approached it over a possible merger. He added that Shearson was interested in a merger and would begin discussions soon.

Shearson, a subsidiary of American Express, the US banking group, said: "Many of our lines of business and target markets are compatible and a preliminary analysis of EF Hutton, which has already been conducted, suggests that the combination would have highly positive benefits for virtually all parts of the combined business."

Shearson is Wall Street's third-largest securities firm with assets of \$3.2 billion (\$1.8 billion) and after-tax earnings last year of \$317 million. That is in the same league as the two larger firms, Merrill Lynch and Salomon Brothers. The addition of EF Hutton would probably take Shearson above its larger rivals in size.

Shearson, however, recently announced losses for October of \$70 million, of which \$46 million was from underwriting the US portion of the BP share issue. It has also announced plans to cut down its worldwide staff by more than 1,000 as part of a cost-saving exercise and is reducing the number of shares in which it is prepared to make a market.

Maxus files \$300m suit

Maxus Energy Corporation yesterday filed a suit seeking \$300 million (£170 million) from convicted financier Mr Ivan Bosky: Kidder, Peabody and Co, a US securities house, and one of its former executives. It accused them of leaking confidential information about Maxus's 1983 acquisition of Natomas a Californian energy company.

Maxus said Mr Martin Siegel, a former Kidder executive, had signed a consent decree with the US Securities and Exchange Commission after the SEC alleged Mr Siegel had given Mr Bosky confidential information about Maxus' intention to buy Natomas.

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Miss World Clubs shareholders could lose money in offer Theme for a Morley takeover

By Lawrence Lever

Shareholders in Miss World Clubs - the health clubs company which raised £520,000 from the public under the Business Expansion Scheme in December 1985 - are likely to lose money under the terms of a takeover offer announced yesterday by Theme Holdings, the restaurants and leisure group quoted on the Third Market.

Miss World Group, the USM-quoted promoter of beauty contests, owns 34 per cent of Miss World Clubs, which operates two clubs under the name Morley's. Mr Eric Morley, the Miss World chairman, and his son Julian, are both directors.

When Miss World Clubs was launched its shares were offered to the public by Guidehouse and Ifco, the joint sponsors, at 13p each. The offer was made under the BES, which gives investors tax relief of up to 60 per cent on their investment.

Yesterday's all-share offer from Theme - two of its own shares for every 11 in Miss World Clubs - now values the latter's shares at slightly over 8.2p, and the company at £534,000.

This represents a loss of about 30 per cent to the Miss World Clubs shareholders. Although they qualified for tax relief on their investment they will forfeit most



Eric Morley: "We were caught out"

of this if the Theme offer goes through. Miss World Clubs raised less than half the money that it was seeking and consequently was undercapitalized. It was also hit by delays in opening the first Morley's club on a commercial basis and therefore produced losses of £284,000 in its last full financial year.

Mr Eric Morley described the company as being in "a catch as catch can situation". "We were really caught out by the rules of the BES. We did not raise enough money, and yet Miss World Group could not really put in more

equity because under the rules of the BES it could not own more than 49 per cent of the shares."

The Theme Holdings takeover offer must, however, be approved by the independent BES shareholders who will have their own separate vote, in which the Miss World Group and Miss World Clubs, plus the directors and advisers of both companies, will not participate. The vote will require a 75 per cent majority for the takeover to go through.

It appears that the Morley's near Heathrow airport, the main health club in the group, is now trading profitably, and has achieved its target of 1,300 members. However, further capital is needed to refurbish the second Morley's, at Hove. Mr Morley said that the company was exploring raising money, via a sale and leaseback arrangement, when the offer came from Theme.

Theme is being advised by Guidehouse, one of the joint sponsors of the Miss World Clubs issue. If its offer goes through it intends to change the name of both clubs to Ragdale, in line with its recent £3.6 million purchase of two clubs operating under this name.

Theme came to the Third Market in January of this year, with an offering of shares at 40p each. Its shares reached 87p before the stock market crash in October.

BUSINESS SUMMARY

Fairbair rises by 53% to £2.3m at half time

Fairbair, the south-east builder of luxury homes, increased profits in the half year to end-September by 53 per cent to £2.3 million. An interim dividend of 1.5p was declared (1.5p). Turnover rose by 14 per cent to £6.95 million, so there was a marked widening in margins at the pretax level. They rose from 24.4 per cent to 33.1 per cent, both figures well above the industry average.

Mr Remo Dipre, the chairman, forecasts that the strong performance will continue and expects a "healthy growth in profits at the year-end". The growth will be helped by recent acquisitions. Mr Dipre drew attention to the imbalance between the half years, as traditionally most of the profit is earned in the second half. City forecasters expect Fairbair to make at least £6.5 million pretax profit in the full year, compared with £4.5 million last year.

Parkland sees Half-time rise profits soar at Rexmore

Parkland Textile, the Bradford clothing manufacturer, raised pretax profits from £523,000 to £1.1 million in the first six months of the year. Sales went up from £28.6 million to £31.1 million. There is an interim dividend of 1.5p, up from 1.6p last time. The stock market liked the figures, marking the shares up 12p to 200p.

First Leisure buy

JM Inns, which has grown from an almost derelict pub into a chain of 18 pubs and restaurants in 11 years, has been taken over in a deal worth more than £4 million by the First Leisure Corporation, which is headed by Lord Bernard Delfont.

JM Inns, which began life with the purchase of just one rundown pub at Portsmouth by Mr John Miller, now covers Hampshire and Sussex and employs 600 people. Mr Miller, the chairman of JM Inns, and Mr Keith Moore, the managing director, will be staying with the company in the new set-up. "We are all very happy that First Leisure has recognized the achievements of what started as a small joint venture, and the company is looking forward to the opportunities for expansion and growth provided by our getting together with another successful and progressive organization," Mr Moore said.

Oslo dealer arrested

A top Norwegian share dealer has been arrested and charged with a serious breach of economic trust, police said in Oslo yesterday. Philippe Becker, aged 37, a dealer in foreign shares at Den Norske Creditbank (DNC), was suspended then dismissed after DNC said it lost 300 million crowns (£70 million) in the stock market crash.

Home loan rates cut

The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society is cutting its mortgage rate to 10 per cent for all borrowers from January 4, undercutting the Abbey National's competitive new rate of 10.1 per cent announced last Friday. The National & Provincial Building Society has also reduced its rate from 11.25 per cent to 10.25 per cent.

STOCK MARKET

SAS looks poised to counter BA's £147m bid for B-Cal

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

It looks as though SAS, the Scandinavian airline, is poised to make a counter-bid any time now for British Caledonian, the privately-owned, Gatwick-based airline group.

Last week, British Airways made a pre-emptive strike for B-Cal worth £147 million which, it was claimed, was designed to flush out other potential bidders. The offer was £90 million less than the price put on the company four months ago and well below the £200 million price-tag originally placed on the group by Sir Adam Thomson, the B-Cal chairman.

Whispers in the market-place last night claimed that SAS had approached a number of fund managers about underwriting the bid. The British Airways' offer, which was unchanged on the terms first made in July, has already been underwritten.

The BA share price closed 1p lower at 144p yesterday after going ex-dividend as 1.5 million shares changed hands.

The rest of the equity market made a cautious start to the new account despite the agreement over the weekend to reduce the US budget deficit by \$76 billion during the next two years. Turnover remained pitifully thin with dealers still expressing concern about the weakness of the dollar. A dull start to trading on Wall Street did little to boost sentiment.

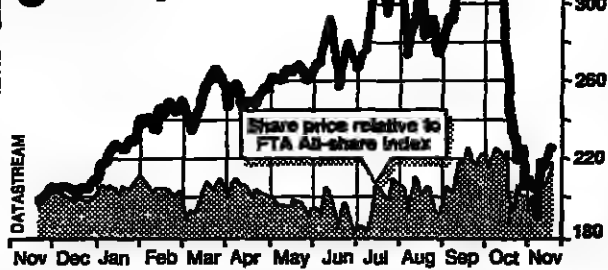
The FT-SE 100 index closed below its best levels of the day with a rise of 24.3 at 1,657.7, having opened 5.7 down. The narrower FT 30 index finished 23.7 up at 1,309.4.

Talk of another half-point cut in base rates did little for government securities which closed with losses stretching to more than 2½ at the longer end.

Racal Electronics attracted some early, speculative support as the price firmed by 9p

Abbey Life: Broker rerates shares after visit

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thing, but closed below its best levels of the day with a rise of 9p to 319p as less than 1 million shares changed hands. Dealers have reported steady support for Trafalgar during the past few weeks, ahead of full-year figures next week which are expected to show pretax profits up from £145.8 million to £162 million. Analysts are looking for an impressive second-half performance and are confident of further, strong growth in 1988.

The company is also reckoned to be the ideal break-up situation and vulnerable to a bid. Hanson Trust, with between £3 billion and £4 billion to spend on acquisitions, has often been tipped as a possible suitor. Some dealers are convinced that Hanson is preparing to flex its financial muscles following the recent stock market crash which has left a number of leading companies looking cheap. Hanson closed 4p dearer at 130p.

Wood Mac's re-rating follows a recent visit to the company after which analysts returned with a bullish message. The sales performance in the full year is likely to be ahead of the 15 per cent increase achieved in the first half and the group's agency sales force will show appreciable growth by the year-end.

The broker says that the group's main contracts, being protection rather than investment-orientated, are not vulnerable to a sales downturn and, with the prospect of a full-year dividend increase of more than 20 per cent, the stock is cheap.

Merchant banks regained some composure after Friday's nervousness which followed Barclays Bank's news that its BZW market-making arm had incurred losses approaching £50 million following last month's crash.

SG Warburg, which includes the old Alkroyd & Smithers jobbing firm, rebounded by 10p to 313p ahead of tomorrow's interim figures.

County NatWest, the broker, has forecast half-year pretax profits of £51 million — a 34 per cent increase on last year's £38.1 million, while the dividend payment should be up from 3p to 4p. County also suggests that market-making losses in the wake of the crash may be lower than some competitors.

Kilcat & Aitken, the broker, goes for a higher figure at the interim stage, forecasting £65 million pretax, but has downgraded its full-year estimate for the current year to £125 million pretax — a figure which reflects market-making losses and reduced fund management and corporate finance contributions.

Smith New Court, the independent securities house, rallied by 10p to 195p and Morgan Grenfell (ex Pinchin Denny) advanced by 23p to 265p. Kleinwort Benson, which formed its own market-

Pilkington, the glass manufacturer, stood out with a rise of 17p to 213p yesterday. The directors are in Tokyo at present hoping to attract the support of Japanese fund managers and repair some of the damage to the share price. There is also talk that BTR might consider renewing its offer in the New Year.

making side, failed to join in and closed another 5p lower at 295p.

Bridon, the Doncaster-based engineer and wire manufacturer, often tipped as a prime takeover target, rose by 5p to 103p, amid whispers that a stake-building operation was under way.

The talk is that a 4.9 per cent stake in the former British Ropes company has been built up. The shares, which have been a perennial takeover favourite and earlier this year touched 240p on talk of a possible bid from Lorrho or Williams Holdings, dropped to below 100p after the crash.

Guinness, the brewing group, advanced by 9p to 246p as 3 million shares changed hands. The board's decision to ask for shareholders' approval in December for permission to spend £200 million, buying up to 10 per cent of its own shares, has been well received by the market.

Elsewhere in the drinks sector, Bass improved by 6p to 780p on news that the Prudential Corporation had taken a 5 per cent stake in the company. Greenall Whitley, the largest of the regional brewers, edged forward by 2p to 186p in anticipation of tomorrow's preliminary figures. Morgan Grenfell Securities, the broker, has forecast pretax profits of £39 million against £33.7 million last year.

Trusthouse Forte, the hotel and leisure group, gained 7.5p to 205p as the group found itself subjected to takeover speculation once again.

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Emap's results are good news

Publish... and be profitable. Emap, the newspaper, magazines and exhibitions group, has done it again.

Though writing headlines is its business, today Emap makes them — with every indication that it will continue to make headlines tomorrow too. After a five-year rate of growth that has seen annual pretax profits run from £3.9 million to £15 million, some pause for breath in the rate of profits growth might reasonably have been expected.

But demonstrating that there is still lots of breath left in it yet, Emap now turns in a 51 per cent increase in interim pretax profits from £5.6 million to £8.45 million, on a turnover that rose from £55.6 million to £84.9 million.

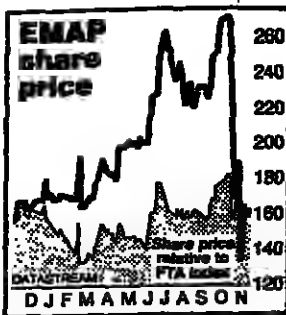
Strong, and rising, advertising revenues have clearly helped, as has the £1.2 million contribution at the operating level from recent acquisitions, all of which have been bedded down well.

This time round, there is a modest debit on the interest front, partly offset by a higher investment income, but organic growth is still very evident. The group currently has 200 titles under its banner, ranging from regional newspapers to consumer and business magazines, and is still acquisition minded.

The idea of a London "Fleet Street" paper, per se, may not be in Emap's thinking, but in time something in the United States market could be.

Meanwhile, Emap has the defensive qualities of a good product and strong market place, no overseas exposure, and a strong balance sheet, which the astute will recognize as virtues in times of troubled stock markets.

Emap is ungearred, and looks on course for pretax profits of at least £22.5 million this year — which, by chance, would allow it to boast yet another 50 per cent yearly increase. As the headline might say: Buy.



Chamberlain

Phipps

The ease with which Chamberlain Phipps beat last year's forecast — and looks on target to do the same this year — suggests that much of the necessary sharpening-up was in train when Wardle Storeys launched its bid for the adhesives and shoe components group nine months ago.

Yet the bid introduced a degree of urgency at Chamberlain Phipps. It is now appreciated within the group that shareholders need concrete proof in earnings and dividends that businesses in which they invest have sound prospects.

Mr David Chamberlain intends the group to achieve 20 per cent compound earnings growth. Part will come from organic growth and widening margins, especially from the adhesives and specialty chemicals division. But acquisitions are also on the cards.

The shoe component operation is relatively mature, providing a satisfactory return and strong cash-flow, so is unlikely to be the recipient of additional capital. Not so the specialty chemicals and adhesives division where there are considerable opportunities.

The shares are on a p/e of 10.5 times next year's earnings, 10 per cent above the market average. So, if earnings do grow by 20 per cent, a higher multiple could be supported.

Marshalls strong

Concrete products are not glamorous but a glance at the record of Marshalls Halifax, one of the industry's most experienced operators, shows that snazzy returns can be made.

Helped by significant market shares, Marshalls achieved a return on capital comfortably above 20 per cent, despite a heavy capital investment programme.

But other operators are buzzing round this profitable honey-pot. Marshalls is not up for sale so the building materials leaders are setting up in competition.

This price competition has meant Marshalls has had to rely on improved efficiencies to keep margins at a satisfactory level. Volumes, however, are up 20 per cent across the board.

Marshalls' strong market position and the levelling off of growth in traditional prod-

uct areas is taking the company overseas.

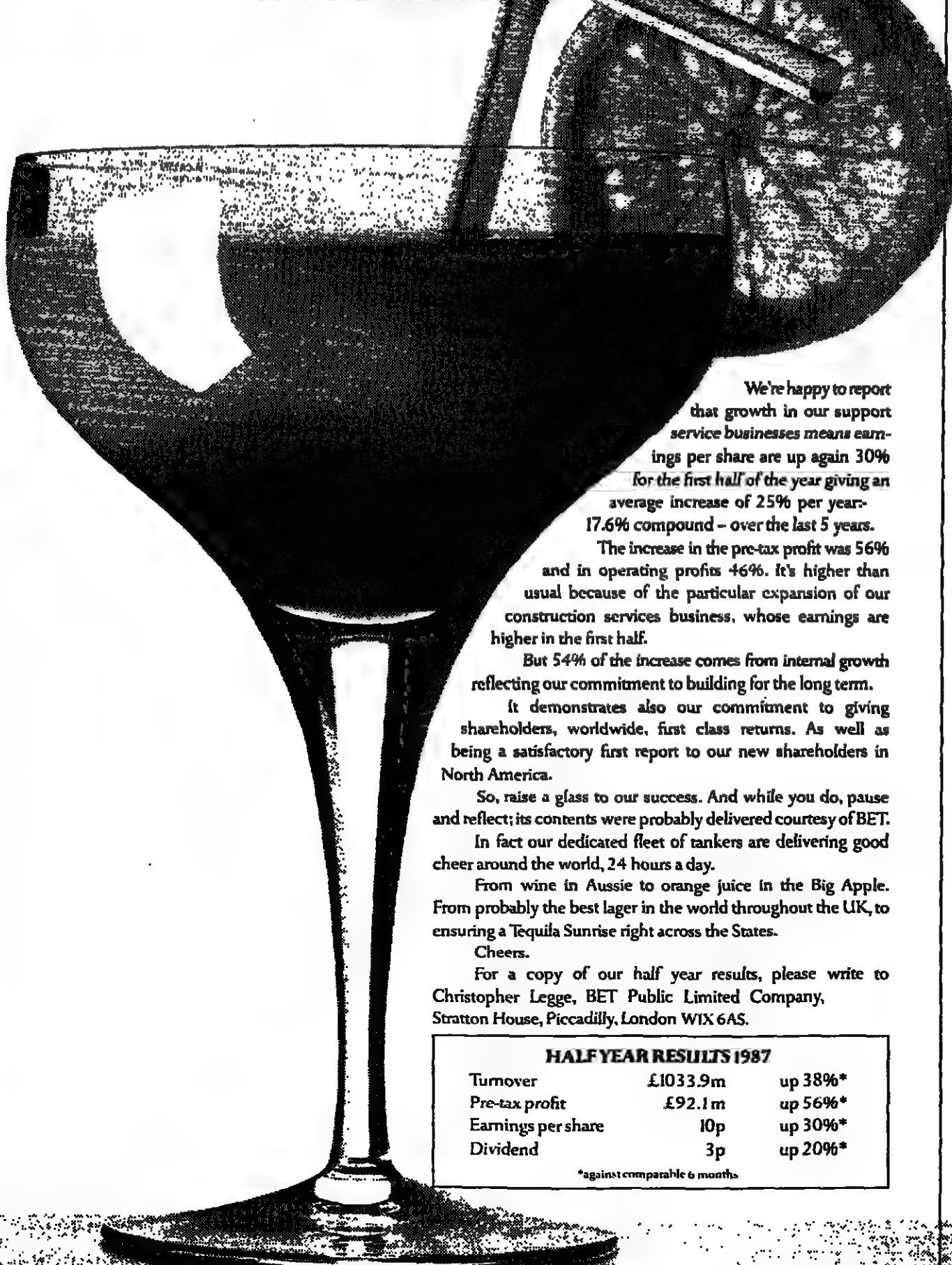
In the US the manufacturing side of this industry is fragmented while the use of the finished product is in its infancy. An acquisition near Atlanta will be followed by others.

Engineering accounts for 10 per cent of sales and remains a thorn in Marshalls' side, although it is now inflicting less pain than usual.

The division's profits nearly doubled to £350,000 on turnover down 17 per cent following the sale of a subsidiary.

Marshalls should make £13 million this year. The shares usually stand on a premium rating, and for good reason. The sale of the engineering interests adds a point or two to the p/e. Otherwise, the shares should hold their own, takeover speculation apart.

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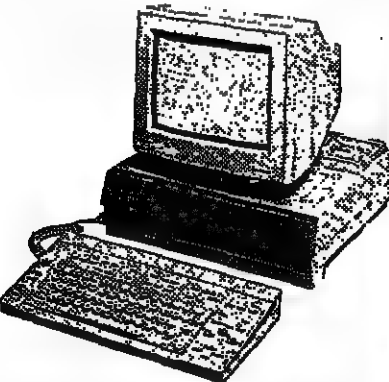
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Ibstock launches £60m takeover

By Our City Editor

Ibstock Johnson, the building materials company, is making a £60 million offer for full control of Eucalyptus Pulp Mills, in which it holds a 43 per cent stake.

The attraction for Ibstock is the controlling stake owned by Eucalyptus in Cairns, the Portuguese plantation group and wood pulp manufacturer. Ibstock has owned shares in Eucalyptus since 1971 and has been a related company since 1981. Cairns's wood pulp is distributed in Britain by Ibstock.

Mr Peter Woodman, the managing director of Ibstock, said yesterday that the acquisition would be a significant expansion of the group's successful fibre division.

"We will gain management and financial control of a substantial group investment," he added.

The deal would also strengthen the group's financial base. Cairns's cash balance at the end of June was £35.6 million.

The deal is subject to a forecast from the Eucalyptus board that pretax profits for this year would be about £13 million.

Ibstock has received irrevocable undertakings in respect of almost 27 per cent of the Eucalyptus equity, which together with the shares already owned would account for almost 70 per cent of the group.

Terms of the offer are three new Ibstock shares, plus 170p cash, for each Eucalyptus share. On the basis of last Friday's prices, this values Eucalyptus shares at 563p.

BET lifts dividend 20% as half-year turnover tops £1bn

By Colin Campbell

BET, the international group with interests ranging from laundries to construction services, yesterday raised its interim dividend by 20 per cent after what it describes as a "good start" to the financial year.

While acknowledging that there could be a downturn in world economies, it none the less believes, because it can generate cash when others are short of it, that it is "almost the classic defensive stock".

Interim results released in New York and London yesterday show that for the first time interim turnover topped the £1 billion mark. Sir Hugh Dundas, the chairman, said BET was well placed for further expansion.

Pretax profits for the six months ended September 26 rose from £59.1 million to £92.1 million, and interim net earnings by 30 per cent to 10p a share. The increases fully justify a 20 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 3p a share, BET says, though Sir Hugh warns that in the second half the group will have a higher issued capital to service.

The shares slipped on the stock market from 224p to 212p before recovering to 216p, after what proved to be over-optimistic hopes for interim profits. Some analysts had been expecting £100 million.

The group, whose managing director and chief executive is Mr Nicholas Wills, suffered a £1 million setback because of currency movements in the first half, but emphasized that while recent acquisitions had



'Good start': Nicholas Wills (left) and Sir Hugh Dundas

played a part in the profits growth, there had also been genuine organic growth.

Construction services head the operating profits list at £40 million compared with £17.1 million, followed by industrial services at £31.3 million (£27.1 million), transport (£15.6 million) (£15.4 million) and electronics and leisure (£10.2 million).

Geographically, Britain still dominates with a £77.5 million operating profit contribution, followed by Africa at £10 million and North America with £9.4 million.

With the help of the group's recent North American share issue, gearing fell from 63 per cent at the year-end to about 50 per cent, leaving net borrowings at £279 million.

BET group officials confirmed after their briefing to New York and London analysts yesterday that they remained on the look-out for further US acquisitions.

Sir Hugh said the 11 per cent increase in BET's share capital during the first half will not have its full effect until the second half. However, the 30 per cent rise in net earnings was still "a good springboard".

He added: "If there is to be a downturn in the world economy, as some predict, our high yield and our increasing emphasis on recurring revenues and long-term contracts makes us almost the classic defensive stock, with a formidable capability to generate cash when others are short of it, which can only enhance our long-term future."

Anchor resists £22m offer

By Cliff Feltham

Manchester-based Anchor Chemical Group is resisting a £22 million takeover approach from Air Products and Chemicals, the US company.

In a surprise move Air Products picked up a 29.5 per cent stake in Anchor and is seeking boardroom approval before launching a full-scale bid. But last night Anchor said the approach was "particularly unwelcome and opportunistic" and told its shareholders to sit tight.

Anchor attacked the behaviour of Mr Henry Justi, a non-executive director, whose US investment group, Lekis, sold its shares to Air Products.

The company said: "He had previously given assurances that the shareholding in Anchor held by Lekis would not be sold without prior consultation with the board of Anchor. He failed to inform the board until after the disposal. The board has not yet received his resignation."

Air Products was understood to have paid 560p a share for the stake against a price in the stock market of 425p. After the announcement the shares jumped to 545p.

Mr Robert Deacon, joint managing director of Anchor, said: "We have nothing against Air Products but we do think it would have been better if they had come to us before making this move."

Anchor made pretax profits of £1.1 million for the first six months of the year, an improvement of 74 per cent. The company is one of the few big independent specialty chemical manufacturers in Britain.

COMMENT Dithering markets now wait for G7

There is a perverse rule in financial markets that, when traders insist that the future trend depends on one or another long-awaited statistic or decision, the actual event leaves most questions unanswered. Events accorded exaggerated importance in advance often prove ambiguous. And when markets know where they are going, they do not need to wait on events. Looking to the future is an excuse for indecision.

The share markets are going through just such a water-treading phase now. Thus it was that, after the US budget plan was finally agreed, stock markets went back to wandering aimlessly and currency markets resumed selling dollars.

Analysts are already looking ahead to the next "great event": the meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations to thrash out a new agreement to resolve imbalances and stabilize markets. Despite Nigel Lawson's justified impatience, it is not likely to come soon. James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, will not go to a G7 meeting until the US Congress has passed a detailed budget. Congress has gone on holiday.

A G7 agreement would have to address two vital questions: will Germany expand its economy through government action; and will the United States recommit itself to currency order, instead of letting the dollar slide to export recession?

The lesson of the Washington budget summit is surely that a G7 meeting, if and when it comes, is unlikely to resolve these issues unambiguously. For it is not just the Americans whose room for manoeuvre is severely limited by unchanging domestic attitudes and political priorities.

German politicians face equally insistent pressures to conform to national traditions. Bundesbank president Karl Otto Pöhl succumbed to this force over his liberal interest rate policy, helping to precipitate the crash. Yesterday, it was the turn of Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg and Economics Minister Martin Bangemann — seen abroad as stern pillars of financial propriety — to be cast as irresponsible spendthrifts.

The five wise men of the council of economic advisers warned that money growth, which has burst its 3-to-6 per cent target range this year, must grow by less than 4.5 per cent in 1988 if inflationary dangers are not to get out of hand. (They forecast a rise in consumer inflation from 1 per cent to 1.5 per cent). Tax cuts, they say with one dissenting voice, are a fine thing for the economy, but should not be brought forward from 1990 to artificially stimulate an economy forecast to grow at 1.5 per cent. And they must on no account be paid for by increasing the budget deficit. They favour cutting top rates of tax and liberalizing shop-opening hours as

Germany's contribution to world economic problems.

Somewhat apologetically, the two ministers issued a statement saying that in view of the shaky world economy, it might just be all right to raise the budget deficit a little, provided it was temporary. Analysts who foresee a G7 meeting where Herr Stoltenberg will offer Germany as the locomotive of the world economy are, to say the least, likely to be disappointed.

Next, the BP effect

Day one of life after the Great Deficit Settlement proved to be a non-event in financial markets. It will clearly be some time before a return to any semblance of normality. Even so, it is worth making the attempt to peer into the mists, for some secondary repercussions of the crash of '87 are likely to be significant.

Take the BP effect, for example. To the major US underwriters of the £7.4 billion share offer and especially their Canadian counterparts, the exercise has been traumatic and is certain to have a damaging effect on the way that they regard investing in Britain and British equities. Reliable sources say that the principal US underwriters of the BP issue were stunned to discover that, when the crash came, they were not able simply to pick up the "phone and arrange for the issue to be pulled. In fact, the only individual with power to do so was none other than the Chancellor himself. As we now know, for reasons which made sound political sense for the Government, Mr Lawson was not inclined to bale out the underwriters.

There are underwriting agreements and there are underwriting agreements. Some are more restrictive than others. Some favour the investor, some the issuer. In the case of BP, the agreement gave the underwriters fewer options than they liked. The vendor, Her Majesty's Government, was free from most of the pressures that would have inclined a company vendor to have listened sympathetically to cries for help from financial institutions. Companies need a healthy, long-term working relationship with these institutions who are frequently the major suppliers of fresh equity capital. Mr Lawson's priorities are clearly elsewhere. The inability of American houses to invoke a simple *force majeure* clause is, however unfairly, likely to lead to a wariness of all things foreign together with a human, if not entirely logical, determination to play for the time being in their own back yard.

Just how much direct investment and corporate finance business is lost to London through the BP effect remains to be seen. However, it is almost certain to be merely one of the negative and less direct consequences of the crash. Others, unfortunately, will emerge in due course.

Diploma cautious after market fall

By Our City Editor

The stock market crash since mid-October has injected a note of caution at Diploma, a leading electronic components distribution company.

Mr Christopher Thomas, the chairman, said: "Without wishing to join those talking us into a recession, demand prospects must be lower, and the company's markets must be affected."

Barring the turmoil in financial markets, the company would have been optimistic, he said in a statement accompanying full-year profits.

"I would otherwise have been optimistic about the prospects of the group and

remain so relative to the competitive influences in our market places."

Mr Thomas declared himself pleased with the all-round performance, which produced a 14 per cent margin on turnover and good cash flow. Profits for the 12 months to September 30 rose to £15.4 million, compared with £12.5 million last time. Earnings per share before extraordinary items improved from 13.1p per share last year to 16.7p.

The increased interim dividend is followed by a final payment of 4.5p a share, compared with 4p last year, making a total of 6p against 5.25p.

Grenada and C&W in joint venture

Cable and Wireless announced yesterday that it and the government of Grenada had agreed to form a joint company to operate all internal and external telecommunications services in the state.

The new company will take over the assets of the Grenada Telephone Company, and C&W's assets on both Grenada and the neighbouring island of Carriacou.

A C&W spokesman said formal discussions would begin early next year to determine the structure of the joint venture company, which is expected to begin business on July 1, 1988.

Imro hits out at SIB over delays

By Lawrence Lever

Imro, the self-regulating organization for investment managers, yesterday delivered a thinly-veiled criticism of the Securities and Investments Board, the watchdog for investor protection when the Financial Services Act comes into force next year.

In submitting the final text of its rulebook for approval to the SIB, Mr John Morgan, the Imro chief-executive said: "There comes a time when the drafting has to stop and investor protection starts."

"We wanted to submit our final rules earlier than this. We have been unable to do so largely because of the process of re-drafting and amendment

of the SIB's own rules, to which, under the legislation, we have to show overall equivalence."

The SIB has been criticized by various sections of the investment industry. Its relations with the Securities Association, another intended self-regulating organization, reached a low point two months ago.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, has also criticized the SIB. While recognizing the "formidable achievement" of finalizing the new investor protection structure, he said, "the practitioners' contribution has been overshadowed."

Triplex Lloyd in Seaboard sell-offs

By John Bell, City Editor

Triplex Lloyd Group has revealed more restructuring moves in the wake of the merger of the founding groups FH Lloyd and Triplex last summer, which created the group in its new form.

Early in the month, the group made a start on its problematic marine and off-shore engineering division, which lost about £1 million on sales of £7 million in the previous financial year. Welin Lambie, which made lifeboats, was closed.

Yesterday came news that

Seaboard Lloyd Inc and Seaboard Lloyd Ltd, which both make oil wellhead equipment, are to be sold off to their existing managements.

The decision follows a strategic review which concluded that both concerns were unlikely to be able to meet the performance criteria of the new group either in the long or short term.

The group's 80 per cent shareholding in Seaboard Lloyd Inc is being sold to Mr Matt Harwell, the chief executive of the US company, who already owns a 20 per cent interest. Mr Harwell has agreed to pay 50 cents for the shares and also make repayment of \$1.79 million (£1 million) of loans to the group.

As part of the transaction, the US company is transferring its 25 per cent stake in Seaboard Lloyd Ltd to Triplex Lloyd. The remainder of the group loans to Seaboard Lloyd Inc are to be restructured through the issue of a \$1.66 million loan note repayable within 10 years. The group is also to receive preference shares worth \$510,000.

The executives of Seaboard Lloyd Ltd are buying the company for £20,000 in cash. In addition, Seaboard Lloyd Ltd will pay £200,000 to Triplex Lloyd over the next year as well as repaying £300,000 of inter-company debt.

The disposals will considerably enhance the profitability of the group and reduce its borrowing. Triplex Lloyd said yesterday.

Goalden days for the Dow

It, at the beginning of next year, your stockbroker says he cannot talk to you because he is watching an American football game on the telly, do not immediately assume he is goofing off. It is quite possible that, having been caught out by the other financial barometers, he has become a convert to the Super Bowl stock theory. Leonard Koppett, a former sports writer for *Sports Illustrated*, crystallized the theory a decade ago as a guide to future stock market trends. The drift of the thing is that if the annual Super Bowl series, played each January, is won by a team that once belonged to the American Football League, the market will finish the year — 11 months later — lower than at the end of the previous year. However, if it did not, the market will finish higher. Koppett, who has remained in the newspaper business despite one premature, a stream of job offers from Wall Street, says the theory has held good for the past 20 years — give or take a minor aberration here and there. Since Wall Street, London and everywhere else seem to be following the same piper, the theory also has important implications for British investors. Now, it just so happens that last January's Super Bowl was won by the New York Giants. Is this good or bad news? Well, apparently these particular Giants never belonged to the AFL and therefore — hurrah, hurrah — everything should be just dandy come January 1. The

THE TIMES CITY DIARY Indians turn the tables

Show a man how to avoid tax and he will follow you to the strangest places. High-rolling Americans are now discovering the joys of some new tax-free casinos in upstate New York run by Mohawk Indians. The St Regis Indian Reservation — once described by one Indian as a "little red Peyton Place" — has been turned by

the Mohawks into a racy gambling strip. Because the courts have ruled that the Mohawks and New York's eight other Indian tribes are independent "nations," the state has no authority to enforce its gambling or tax laws on Indian reservations. It is no Rossminster, but these days every cent counts.

The 50% solution

"In 1988, there will be more cases of insider dealing heading for the courts," say the sibilys at the Economist Intelligence Unit. Well, thank goodness there will be something for us to be indignant about. According to the EIU's new report, *The World In 1988*, next year will also see "some big new players walking the Square Mile. Among the home teams will be British building societies... Among the foreigners yet to make their mark, but marking their time, are the Japanese... Nomura will lead the attack on London, and not far behind will be Japan's other three big securities houses: Daiwa, Yamachichi and Nikko." The EIU reckons unemployment will fall to 2.6 million, and that the Chancellor will be thriffter than recently with tax cuts. "Politically, it makes no sense to concede such big tax reductions only a year after winning an election. And a rising balance of payments deficit will be a good excuse for a bit more parsimony." Nigel Lawson "will not, however, index all the excise and licence duties fully because he will be preoccupied with inflation. There will be a brief spell of 12 per cent base rates. All this adds up to a deferment of the promised fall in the basic rate of income tax to 25 per cent. The higher rates are another matter, however, for in this case it makes political sense to act soon. A 50 per cent top rate of tax by April is on the cards." At that kind of rate, will it be worth bothering with insider dealing?

Joe Joseph

Each-way BET

Seven London stockbroking analysts will have no excuse for dirty shirts when they return today from BET's whistle-stop visit to New York. The international services group yesterday broke fresh ground when it presented half-year figures to its new American investors in New York. London had to drum its fingers till mid-afternoon waiting for the announcement, which was timed so that Wall Street could digest the results following BET's recent issue of American Depository Receipts. All in all, a brave move considering BET issued its stock to American investors at 284p: yesterday the shares were fetching 216p. But do not think the trip was all fun. Last the highly paid analysts had lost touch with the common man, BET led them round a local laundry. Now BET is planning stock exchange listings in Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Paris and Zurich. They also have laundries.



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Nervous investors 'pass the buck'

stabilized resources shares, however, enabling the resources index to close 0.6 points higher at 723. Gold issues failed to react to a

	Nov 20	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 19		Nov 20	Nov 19
Panasonic			33%	33%	Panasonic	57%	32%

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Quiet start to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end December 4. Settlement day December 14.
 \$Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (an) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUME PAGE 28)

Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and add this to the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or Loss
1	Amber Day	Draperies, Stores	
2	Hay (Norman)	Industrials E-K	
3	Fisher (A)	Food	
4	Tee TV	Consumer TV	
5	Volvo	Electronics	
6	Costa	Industrials A-D	
7	Victor Products	Industrials E-K	
8	Grand Met (an)	Hotels, Quarters	
9	Portland (an)	Industrials E-K	
10	Fidel	Industrials E-K	
11	Guinness	Industrials E-K	
12	Taylor Woodrow	Building Roads	
13	Midmont	Leisure	
14	Br Telecom (an)	Electronics	
15	Stanton Trust	Property	
16	General Motor	Automotive	
17	Braden	Industrials A-D	
18	Magnet (an)	Building Roads	
19	Bee (an)	Breweries	
20	Ranger	Oil & Gas	
21	Chatterfield	Property	
22	Beard (an)	Property, Film, Adv	
23	Townshend	Textiles	
24	Highgate & Job	Industrials E-K	
25	Boydell	Electronics	
26	Loc Refrigeration	Electronics	
27	Argyll (an)	Food	
28	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
29	RHP	Industrials E-K	
30	Lee Securities	Property	
31	AAE (an)	Property	
32	AAE (an)	Industrials A-D	
33	Dunlop (an)	Draperies, Stores	
34	Beckman (an)	Textiles	
35	Parker Knoll 'A'	Industrials E-K	
36	Assoc Newspaper	Newspapers, Pub	
37	Freemantle	Food	
38	Camford Eng	Industrials A-D	
39	Federated Hg	Building Roads	
40	Electrocomponents	Electronics	
41	House Of Lorraine	Draperies, Stores	
42	Smith (WH) 'A'	Draperies, Stores	
43	Int Signal & Control	Electronics	
44	Wyndham Eng	Industrials E-K	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend
 Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	WEEKLY TOTAL

BRITISH FUNDS

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First oil from foreign field

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Oil has started flowing from the first wholly foreign-owned oil field in the British sector of the North Sea.

The Alwyn North field, the largest to be brought on stream in the past three years, has started pumping 35,000 barrels a day to the Sullom Voe terminal on the Shetland Islands, and will reach its peak production phase of 90,000 barrels a day early next year.

The field will also start producing gas next month at a rate of 7.5 million cubic metres a day.

The field is operated by Total Oil Marine, the British subsidiary of the French company, and its partner is the British subsidiary of the Elf Aquitaine Group. Total has 33 per cent of the field and Elf the remainder.

BP is to form a joint venture marketing and distribution company in Spain with the privately owned Petromed company. The new venture will give the companies a combined 1.6 per cent share of the domestic market for aviation and marine fuels. The new company will have total sales of around 500,000 tonnes of oil products a year in an annual market of 34 million tonnes.

Economists ask Bonn for measures to boost industry

Bonn (AP-Dow Jones) — With economic expansion expected to continue at a relatively slow pace in 1988, West Germany's council of economic advisers called yesterday for structural measures to boost industrial competitiveness.

The council — also known as the five wise men — said in the annual economic outlook it presents to the government that West Germany's 1988 real or price-adjusted gross national product (gdp) is likely to grow by only 1.5 per cent, similar to the increase in 1987. The forecast is below the 2 per cent 1988 growth predicted by the country's five leading economic research institutes released earlier this month.

The council said the October stock market crash would have a dampening effect on consumer spending and corporate investment, but it added that it did not expect a world recession.

"The latest developments on international financial markets force us to somewhat lower our expectations for the coming year, but they don't give us cause to correct our common view, that the German economic expansion is continuing", the five economists said.

German newspapers said the economists originally



Gerhard Stoltenberg (left) and Martin Bangemann believe growth could exceed 1.5 per cent next year

wanted to predict 2 per cent growth for 1988, but revised downward their outlook in the wake of the stock market crash. In a statement, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the fi-

nance minister, and Herr Martin Bangemann, the economics minister, said the government does not rule out a 1988 growth rate of more than 1.5 per cent.

Contrary to the five institutes, the majority of the council did not urge the government to move forward tax cuts planned for 1990 to stimulate the economy at an

earlier stage. But it strongly advocated measures to maintain and increase competitiveness. In a minority opinion, Herr Ruediger Pohl, a Hagen University economist, said that, in view of the weakness in the economy, the planned tax reform should be undertaken as soon as possible.

The economic advisers said a tax overhaul — which includes the lowering of the top income tax rate and the elimination of tax rebates — goes in the right direction.

Herr Bangemann, in a reaction to the report, repeated the government's position that, "in view of the present shaky situation in the world economy, a temporary increase in the government budget deficit can be sustained, especially in combination with the tax reductions."

On monetary policy, the report said the Bundesbank's money supply growth target for 1988 must lie below 4.5 per cent to curb inflationary dangers and prevent the need for more drastic action later. Money supply has grown above target this year, when the range was 3 to 6 per cent. It will be revised next month.

The cost of living in Germany is expected to increase by about 1 per cent this year and 1.5 per cent next.

Whitehall should aid industry, poll says

By Sheila Gann
Political Staff

The public would support greater financial help by the Government for manufacturing industry, according to a private Gallup poll. Of those polled, 75 per cent backed Government assistance, with the figure rising to 82 per cent among 25- to 34-year-olds.

The poll was commissioned by Mr Malise Graham of the Economic Research Council, and a former member of the American Stock Exchange.

It supports a report issued after the House of Lords' investigation into overseas trade which warned of the decline in Britain's manufacturing base.

"I commissioned it because I felt we need an industrial policy in this country and I wanted to find out what the public thought," Mr Graham said. "In that sense I agree entirely with the Lords' report on overseas trade, which has since been rubbished by the Government."

"I thought we ought to know whether the public agreed with the Government or with the House of Lords committee. And I found that the public believes the committee was right."

New director for the Bejam Group

Bejam Group: Miss Rosalind Hedley-Miller is now a non-executive director.

Bowring Preston Powell: Mr Peter Davidson is now a director.

London Shop: Mr John Butland and Mr Clive Coward have become joint managing directors. Mr Alan Smith has become an executive director. Clayton Dewander: Mr Jack Grindrod has been appointed director, group manufacturing.



Diane Taylor: president of Interflora UK

Interflora UK: Ms Diane Taylor has been appointed president.

Rockwell International Corporation: Mr David Marriott has been promoted to vice-president, world-wide marketing and sales, semi-conductor products division. Mr Jean-Claude Vrigaud

will succeed Mr Marriott as general manager, European operations.

Tate Gallery: Mr Nicholas Serota has been appointed director, succeeding Mr Alan Bowness, from September 1988.

Dairy Trade Federation: Mr BAP Smith becomes vice-president, succeeding Mr Chris Ball.

Raddcliffe & Co: Mr JJ Baker and Mr WRS Payne will join the partnership from January 1.

SAS Group: Mr John King has been appointed a non-executive director.

Shoptiffers Group: Mr CJ Chaplin becomes managing director.

Williams Lea: Mr Chris Poltera joins as deputy managing director.

Independent Television News: Mr Harry Turner has joined the board.

Advisory Committee on Pesticides: Dr Brendan Buckley has been appointed chairman, Scientific Subcommittee from January 1 and a member of the Advisory Committee from the same date.

Hodgson Holdings: Mr Ronald Middleton becomes finance director from next Monday, succeeding Mr Steven Heathcote who remains company secretary.

Sekers' in record interims results

Sekers International is lifting its interim dividend from 0.9p to 1p and reporting record interim results for the six months to September 30. Pre-tax profit expanded from £722,000 to £848,000 on turnover up from £10.09 million to £11.71 million. Earnings per share reached 5.70p (4.80p).

Pre-tax profit is after charging £80,000 (nil) in respect of non-recurring items relating to the sale of D Laidan and Son, together with the setting-up costs of establishing a trading agreement with China. The group has continued to spread its export activities more widely. The level of investment in new plant and machinery throughout the period, the board reports.

Witan ahead

The interim dividend at Witan Investment Company for the six months to October 31 is to be raised to 1.05p from 0.85p. Pre-tax revenue reached £8.51 million (£6.01 million).

Space age buy

Rex Williams Leisure has agreed to buy 3001 Space Adventure from Edward Dove. The consideration will be paid by the issue of 150,000 ordinary shares. 3001 specializes in the construction and development of state-of-the-art space "entertainments and educational theme projects."

Gaylor Group

A final dividend of 1.67p, making 2.67p (nil), is being paid by the Gaylor Group for the year to August 31, on February 26. Turnover rose to £5.87 million (£5.27 million), while pre-tax profit reached £611,000 (£533,000). Earnings per share — based on a weighted average — were 8.1p (7.6p).

Thomson growth

International Thomson Organisation's pre-tax income rose to \$219 million (£123 million) against \$176 million in the nine months to September 30. Sales were \$2,666 million (£1,934 million). Earnings per common share were 31.3 cents (40.4 cents). Earnings for the third quarter were significantly ahead of last year. Operating profit of the information and publishing group grew strongly and the oil and gas group benefited from higher oil prices.

Jersey jump

Jersey General Investment Trust is lifting its interim dividend to £.75p (5.75p) for the six months to October 31 to reduce the disparity between payments. Gross income was almost unchanged at £1.35 million (£1.31 million), while pre-tax income rose to £798,065 (£694,850). Earnings per share were 6.81p (5.89p). Based on the present portfolio, the estimated net revenue for the full year will allow the board to recommend a total dividend of not less than 10p (same).

Miller move

Stanley Miller is seeking shareholders' approval to acquire a larger site for its joinery division. The board has agreed in principle to acquire a larger factory for £437,500. Operations of the plant hire division have not been successful in obtaining sufficient sales outside the group and the directors have decided to dispose of these assets.

Prudential deal

Prudential Property Services has strengthened its presence in Wiltshire, acquiring Carrick & Co with offices in Shaftesbury and Tisbury. The undisclosed consideration is partly in cash and partly in shares. Total number of residential outlets operated nationally by Prudential Property Services is now 618.

Agents sold

General Accident Fire & Life Assurance is acquiring Coopat Holdings and Warwick Estates (Insurance & Financial Services), an estate agent with nine offices in the West Midlands.

Talks end

Billinggate City Securities, which announced in June it had begun preliminary talks which might lead to an offer being made for the issued cumulative preferred ordinary shares, said that these talks, and other talks that arose subsequently, have been terminated. Goldman Sachs International and Baring Brothers are to resume their roles as market-makers in the preferred ordinaries from today. The board intends to apply for a listing for the preferred ordinaries on the London Stock Exchange under the new listing regulations governing single property schemes. This would be in addition to the existing listing on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings November 16 Last Dealings November 27 Last Declaration February 18 For Settlement February 23
Call options were taken out on 23/11/87. Black's Leisure, Lloyds, D. Fischer, Hawley, Charterhouse, Credit Co, Henson, Applied Energy, W. Lawrence, Pricor, Aron Energy, Sound Oilfield, North, Capitel, Nat West, Dares Estates, J. Williams.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES		Rolls-Royce (170p)		110 -2
Alba	90 +2	Rural Plan		150
Anglo Leasing	73 +2	Sec Archives		150
Barnier Homes (105p)	79 1/2 +2	Shaftesbury (180p)		113
Brit Pet P/P	95 -5	Starhype Props (250p)		140 +2
Butte Mining (100p)	25 1/2 +3	Sykes-Pickavant		118
Chernosev	106	Tomorrow's Leisure		36
Co of Designers (100p)	24 1/2 +2	Tubular Exch		22
Dolphin Packing (100p)	110 +2	USDC Inv		118 -4
Exploit	76 -2	Wilshaw Secs		23 +2
Fairway Ldn	133 +3	Zellers Lss		131
Hard Rock Cafe	100 +3			
Do 'A'	95 +3			
ISA Int (80p)	85			
Knots Knockers	120			
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	68			
Maroc Group	72			
Power Corp	65 -1			
Record (88p)				

THIRD MARKET

High	Low	Company	Price	High	Low	Company	Price
485	185	Alaband	180	220	18	mc	
55	18	Alar Jen Per	130	140	+1		
150	110	Alfred Ins	130	140	+1		
31	20	American	80	87	-1		
111	55	Andriam Res	80	87	-1		
285	110	Barnett	160	160			
152	60	Baroness	100	100			
103	45	Catalyst	83	87	+1		
203	133	Chelsea Art	130	165	+25		
140	40	Chimes Int	40	40			
150	100	Comac	85	105	-2		
150	100	Comac Int	85	105	-2		
228	135	Crown Eye	153	163	+13		
68	11	Eginton	18	18	+2		
45	9	El Wills	8	10			
188	65	Fair E Int	90	100	+25		
110	80	Gardner (4)	80	70	mc		
53	20	Hemsted	58	58			
73	41	Kemp (PE)	40	45	mc		
181	50	Leading Ldr	80	85	+2		
85	50	Lyn Tech	58	58			
180	80	Medcor	94	104	-1		
80	13	Pub Hlds	35	40	mc		
128	67	Thames Hlds	77	77			
715	135	UPL	132	142	+2		
140	100	Unit Group	107	117	-1		

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.00%
Adam & Company	9.00%
BCI	9.00%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	9.00%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.50%

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1,553,000-1,555,000	Denmark	6,429,000-6,431,000	Belgium (Cont)	34,89-34,90
Singapore	2,026,000-2,027,000	W Germany	5,995,000-5,997,000	Hong Kong	7,777,000-7,778,000
Malaysia	2,492,000-2,493,000	Switzerland	1,368,000-1,369,000	Portugal	135,25-135,27
Australia	6,825,000-6,835,000	Netherlands	1,876,000-1,879,000	Spain	112,7-112,8
Canada	1,510,000-1,511,000	France	6,565,000-6,567,000	Austria	7,77-7,77,7
Sweden	6,050,000-6,051,000	Japan	134,50-134,70		
	8,425,000-8,430,000				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Exim.

MONEY MARKET:

Base Rates % Clearing Banks & Finance Has 10%	Dollar CDs (a)	3 mths 7.35-7.50	5 mths 7.45-7.60
Seasonal Market Loans %	1 mth 6.95-9.50		
Overnight Hight: 9% Low 8% Week Rate: 8%	12 mths 7.90-7.95		
EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %			
Treasury Bills (Discount %)	Currency	7 day	1 mth
1 mth 6 1/2% 3 mth - 6 1/2%	Dollar	5 1/2-6 1/2	6 1/2-7 1/2
Selling: 2 mth - 6 1/2% 3 mth - 6 1/2%	Call: 6 1/2-5%		
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)	Deutsche Mark	3 1/2-4 1/2	3 1/2-3 3/4
1 mth 6 1/2-6 3/4% 2 mths 6 1/2-6 3/4% 3 mths 6 1/2-6 3/4%	Call: 4-3		
Trade Bills (Discount %)	Swiss Franc	5 1/2- 9 1/2	5 1/2-5%
1 mth 6 1/2-7% 2 mth 5 1/2-6% 3 mth 6 1/2%	Call: 5 1/2-8%		
Interbank (m): Overnight: open 9 close 8	Swiss Franc	5 1/2-4 1/2	2 1/2-3%
1 mth 6 1/2-7% 3 mth 6 1/2-7% 6 mth 6 1/2-7%	Call: 5 1/2-4%		
1 mth 5 1/2-6 1/2% 3 mth 5 1/2-6 1/2% 6 mth 5 1/2-6 1/2%	Yen	4 1/2-4 1/2	4 1/2-4 1/2
Local Authority Deposits (a)	Call: 3 1/2-2%		

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Sterling CDs (%)
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October 30, 1987. Agreed rates November 1, 1987. Agreed rates December 25, 1987. Scheme I: 11.35 per cent. Scheme II & III: 11.25 per cent. Reference rate October 1, 1987 October 30, 1987. Scheme IV: 10.054 per cent.

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GOLD

BULLION:
 Open: \$468.25-468.75 Close: \$470.00-470.50
 High: \$470.25-470.75 Low: \$468.00-468.50

COINS:

	Per coin ("Ez)
Britannia: \$484.00-489.00 (\$270.00-273.00)	
Kruggerand: \$486.50-472.50 (\$262.50-264.00)	
Majestic (1/2oz): \$484.00-489.00 (\$270.00-273.00)	
American Eagle: \$484.00-489.00 (\$270.00-273.00)	
Sovereigns: \$110.50-111.50 (\$51.75-52.50)	
Old Sovereigns: \$110.50-112.00 (\$51.75-52.75)	
Platinum: \$488.35 (\$277.95)	
Palladium: \$115.25 (\$54.25)	
Silver: \$6.70-6.72 (\$3.740-3.755)	

LONDON FINANCIAL F

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol		Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
						US Treasury Bond	Previous open interest 7625				
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Dec 17	91.17	91.20	91.15	91.18	20854	Mar 91	91.21	91.24	91.13	91.21	2584
Dec 17	91.17	91.20	91.15	91.18	20854	May 91	91.21	91.24	91.13	91.21	2584
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Your heart: the critical time factor

Dorell McNeel



The British Cardiac Society this week marks its 50th anniversary with a jubilee meeting at the Wembley Conference Centre where leading heart specialists will discuss the latest techniques in cardiology and heart surgery. One of them, Dr Edgar Sowton, the society's president, says: "The way you get treated if you have heart disease is really a direct reflection on what's been happening in the Cardiac Society. This is the body somebody with a new treatment goes to to convince his peers that it's the right thing to do."

The BCS, the club of leading cardiologists and heart surgeons, is young as medical societies go, but its short history spans the key years in the development of the specialty.

When it was formed in 1937 the treatment of heart disease was primarily a medical matter. There had been experimental surgery, but the results were not good and few in the profession felt the high risks involved could be justified.

That changed with the work of Dwight Harken in the Second World War. His operations to remove missiles lodged in the heart chambers of soldiers - all his patients survived - gave doctors the boost in confidence they needed and heart surgery began in earnest.

The society, which had grown out of the Cardiac Club, a loose association of specialists who had been helping assess and treat cardiac patients for the Ministry of Pensions after the First World War, soon became the professional body for British surgeons and cardiologists. It set the standards and promoted new research.

There are two main areas under discussion at the moment: thrombolysis, attempting to stop or even reverse a coronary when it has started, and balloon angioplasty, the technique of inflating a tiny balloon in the clogged artery to widen it and let the blood flow freely again.

"Those are the two big things happening at the moment and the Cardiac Society is right there in both of them", says Dr Sowton. "It's sponsoring a trial to compare balloon angioplasty with bypass surgery in patients with angina and heart attacks."

Dr Sowton believes that the pressures the society puts on the profession have brought about big changes in the treatment of heart attacks. For example, the idea that you had to rest the patient to rest the heart has now gone.

"Patients used to be kept in hospital for six weeks. They used to be kept lying down, not even able to feed themselves. That's not so very long ago. Now they're usually home on the seventh day."



Seeking an answer: Professor David Hearse, head of the Heart Research Unit at St Thomas's Hospital, is trying to preserve tissue for up to 48 hours

Why surgeons want to stop the body clock

Buying time has become a key goal of cardiac research. Scientists at the Heart Research Unit of the Rayne Institute at St Thomas's Hospital, London, are trying to devise ways of, as it were, stopping, or slowing down, the heart's biological clock. If they succeed they could transform methods of transplant surgery.

Their aim is to increase by a factor of five or six the length of time that a heart with no blood pumping through it can survive before its tissues die.

The paradox of cardiac surgery is that the very surgery which is used to repair the heart can threaten it. To do heart operations the blood flow through the heart must be temporarily stopped. A heart-lung machine is used to maintain the circulation and oxygenate the blood while the real heart is "switched off".

But the machine only looks after the needs of the brain

and the body. It does not deliver any blood to the walls of the heart itself. Yet the heart is just like the brain; it will die without blood.

Until a few years ago surgeons felt uncomfortable if the blood supply to the heart was cut off for more than about 45 minutes. After that the heart would start to die. The result was that you could have a surgically successful operation in which the patient still died, because the tissue of the heart had died.

In the 1970s, researchers at St Thomas's did something that had seemed impossible - they developed a solution of salts which, when injected into the blood vessels of the heart, slows down the process of cell death. The technique, known as cardioplegia, extends from less than an hour to more than four hours the length of time that the heart can remain bloodless and still stay alive. This allows surgeons to do more complex operations.

It was a tremendous breakthrough but it is still not enough, says Professor David Hearse, head of the St Thomas's research unit. Three or four hours is usually sufficient for routine heart surgery but transplant surgeons need much more time.

"They can preserve the heart for only about four hours, which means hearts have to be rushed in helicopters and potentially usable hearts are lost. This is a tragedy. I'm convinced that using the sort of techniques we've established here over the last 10 years it should be possible to preserve the heart for 24 hours, or 48 hours."

"This will take much of the panic out of the process of transporting the heart and will make more hearts available for transplantation."

Professor Hearse believes the development of these long-term preservative solutions could take three to five years of research. "We're six

months into it but we've already extended our preservation time of rat hearts from its previous record of about four hours up to 12 or more hours."

These experimental hearts are much tougher than human ones so the researchers need to push their target towards three or four days before they will begin to feel that they are making the sort of progress which would be useful for human hearts.

Doctors also want to buy time for patients who have heart attacks. If a blood clot forms and blocks one of the heart's blood vessels it will stop the flow of blood to a large area of heart tissue and that area will start to die - just as tissues deprived of blood during surgery will eventually die. The bigger the so-called

myocardial infarct (destruction of heart tissue) the greater the chance of death.

If the tissue is to be kept alive it is essential to get the blood flowing back across it within an hour or two. One way to do that is thrombolysis - dissolving the clot with enzymes. But, as with heart transplants, there are often logistical problems.

The patient is usually at home when he feels unwell. The GP will come and make a diagnosis, then send the patient to hospital. All this takes time and several hours may have elapsed between the time of the attack and the thrombolysis.

"Thrombolysis in most patients, at the moment, is too late", says Professor Hearse. "The blood is going back but it's going back to dead tissue."

Research will aid transplant patients

The idea of performing the thrombolysis at home is attractive but unrealistic. The chemical which dissolves the clot can be dangerous so the patient needs hospital care while it is being done."

The question now being asked, says the professor, is whether there is a way of stopping the injury to the tissue until the patient can be given thrombolysis by the

experts. "Can we take this time window of one or two hours and extend it up to six or seven?"

"This moves us right back again to the whole concept of cardioplegia. Can we now, instead of using drugs to stop cells dying - which we know won't work - use drugs to slow down cell death? Could we for example make a cocktail of drugs which could be safely given in the home or in the ambulance... to buy ourselves time? I fervently believe we can."

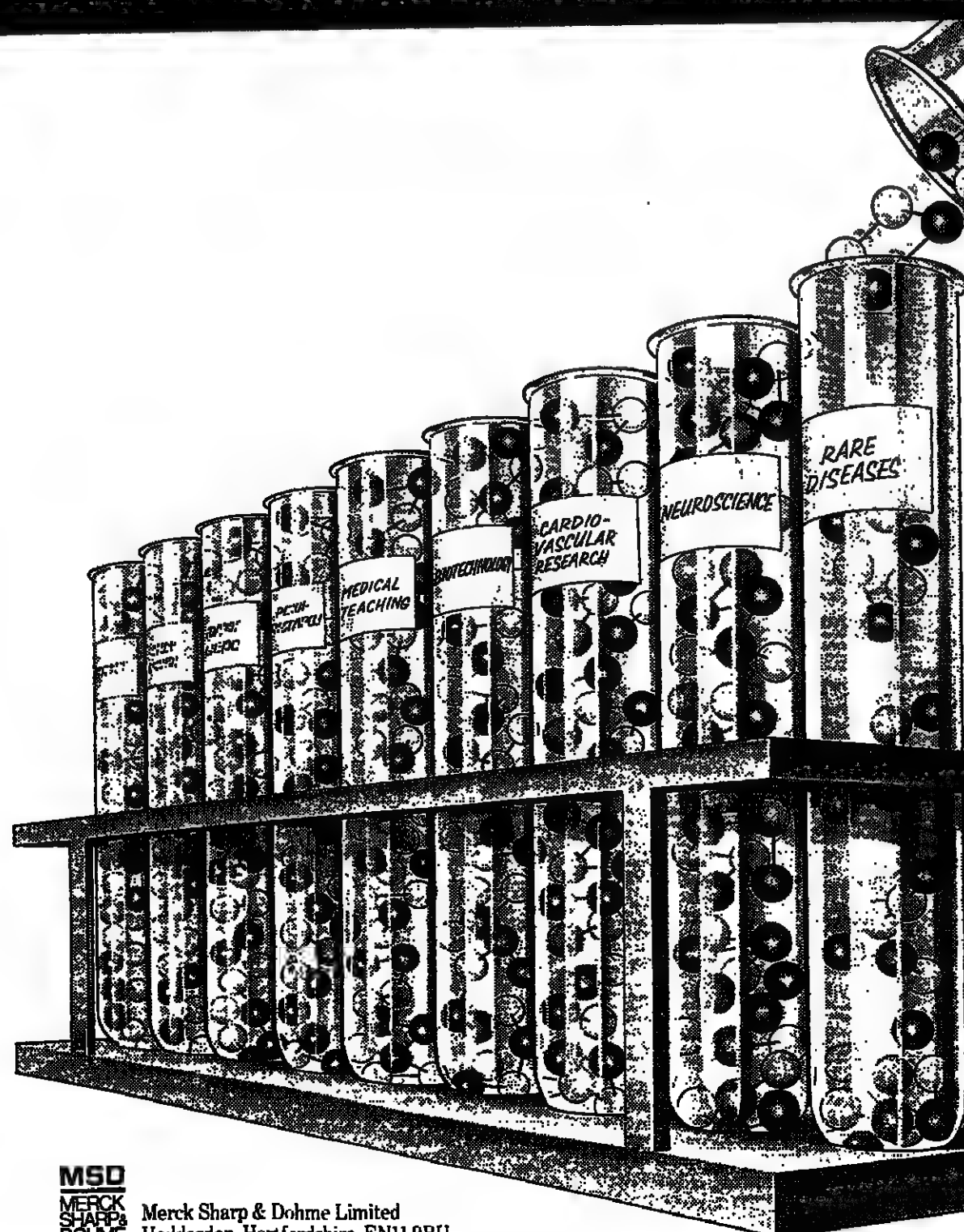
There is a sad postscript to the work on cardioplegia. It has recently been realized that although they are highly effective in adults, the cardioplegic solutions that have been developed are much less effective with child patients.

About two years ago, say Professor Hearse, a study from the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond Street, London, showed that high proportion of children who died during cardiac surgery did so because the heart was inadequately preserved.

"They estimated that 50 per cent of children who die during cardiac surgery died of inadequate myocardial preservation. That's a horrific figure when you compare it with adults."

The explanation seems to be that children's hearts, particularly diseased ones, are metabolically different to adult ones. Professor Hearse's unit is about to start a major project to try and find a special solution for paediatric surgery.

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Lasers to make life easier

Almost exactly 20 years ago, on December 3 1967, Dr Christian Barnard performed the world's first heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, a South African grocer. At the time it seemed audacious, almost miraculous. Today the operation is virtually routine. It is estimated that more than 3,500 transplants have taken place around the world and Britain's own leading heart-transplant surgeon, Professor Magdi Yacoub, has done 500.

There has been nothing quite as dramatic to take its place in the headlines, but British surgeons and cardiologists have been quietly beavering away, mostly out of the limelight, developing some remarkable new ways of repairing our hearts.

One of the most unusual involves using lasers to unblock clogged coronary arteries, the arteries that supply the heart itself with the oxygen-carrying blood it needs.

Coronary artery disease is usually associated with so-called atherosclerotic plaques — deposits of fats and some cholesterol. They accumulate in the artery and clog it up. Because they limit the flow of blood, the amount reaching

the heart muscle can be insufficient, which can lead to recurrent pain, known as angina.

The conventional means of treating clogged arteries has been bypass surgery. Veins from the patient's leg, or lengths of the mammary artery which runs on the inside of the breast bone, are grafted on to the heart arteries so the blood can carry on flowing past the blockage.

The bypass is a good operation, with a mortality rate of less than 1 per cent and complete relief from pain for four out of five patients, but it has limitations.

An increasing number of people in their forties and early fifties are getting clogged arteries and doctors have noticed that the grafted veins themselves can become clogged within about 10 years of the bypass.

Only about 50 per cent of grafted veins are working satisfactorily a decade later.

The laser technique being developed at the Hammersmith Hospital by its British Heart Foundation professor of cardiac surgery, Kenneth Taylor, actually removes the blockage instead of going around it.

Professor Taylor, who has



Professor Kenneth Taylor with an optical fibre used on a laser during heart surgery performed the operation eight times, begins by inserting a laser-carrying fibre into the femoral artery at the thigh and threading it through the arteries up to the heart and the clogged vessel.

X-rays are used to position the tip of the laser, a metal probe which converts the laser energy into heat, against the obstruction. This is then blasted with five to ten seconds of heat, vaporizing the fatty deposits into tiny fragments like dust, which are carried away through the bloodstream.

The professor has now begun a new variation of the technique. He said: "We've had a very extensive research programme in the laboratory and it has convinced us that the approach should actually be what we call intra-operative — in other words we open the coronary artery itself and feed the laser catheter directly into the artery."

Research has shown, he said, that the laser technique is more efficient when, as in the new, direct approach, there is no blood present at the artery when the laser blast takes place.

Another unusual technique, this time to open defective flaps on the aortic valve, which regulates the flow of oxygen rich blood from the heart to the rest of the body, has been developed at King's

The fatty deposits are vaporized into tiny fragments

forces open the frozen aortic valve.

The technique, which has been used more than 30 times at King's College Hospital, is now also being used to free the mitral valve, the flaps between the left ventricle and atrium of the heart.

Dr Jackson stresses that freeing the aortic valve is not really an alternative to open heart surgery. It is more in the nature of a palliative, relieving the discomfort without actually removing the root cause.

Dr Jackson said: "The aortic valve is so heavily calcified, solid and rigid that all you really do is crack the hole open a bit more. You're fighting the pathology; you can't reverse it."

The King's College Hospital technique is, in fact a development of coronary angioplasty, in which the tiny balloons are used to unblock the narrowed arteries. When the balloon is fully inflated it flattens the atherosclerosis against the walls of the artery which are elastic and can easily withstand the pressure of the inflated balloon without rupturing.

The technique, which requires only local anaesthetics and causes minimal discomfort to the patient is widely used in America, but doctors here are divided on its merits when compared with bypass operations.



Long life on the ice

Eskimos have fewer heart problems than the rest of us. The Japanese, despite their risky lifestyle — they smoke more cigarettes than anyone else in the developed world — also rank very low in the heart disease league table. Do they know something we don't? The answer seems to be a qualified "yes".

Researchers believe that an important factor in the apparent ability of these groups to escape cardiac problems is that they eat a lot of fish. The hypothesis is that certain constituents of fish oils are good for us.

The odd thing about the Eskimos at first glance is that their diet is extremely high in fat and cholesterol, both recognized as high-risk factors in coronary heart disease. But there may be a counterbalance. In the early 1970s, two Danish researchers and a British medical scientist, Dr Hugh Sinclair, visited remote Eskimo settlements in Greenland. Their studies suggest that the Eskimos' good cardiac health record may be due to consuming plenty of the right sort of fats, the so-called polyunsaturated fats found in fish oil.

The principal polyunsaturates concerned, eicosapentaenoic acid and docosahexaenoic acid, are plentiful in oily fish such as salmon, herring and mackerel, but exist only in small amounts in white fish such as cod, haddock and plaice.

Other fish-eating societies, like the Japanese, lend some weight to the idea that fish may be an important health factor. Some doctors worry that the value of fish oils will be over-estimated. There is no cure-all for heart disease, they say, and concentrating on the big cardiac-risk factors like smoking is the most important thing people can do.

The biggest killers: cigarettes, poor diet, lack of exercise, high blood pressure

Saving lives from going up in smoke

"There is absolutely no case whatever, under any circumstances, for cigarette smoking," says Dr Michael Oliver, Professor of Cardiology at Edinburgh University and one of the leading experts on the risk factors which can lead to coronary heart disease.

"If the entire public would stop smoking this disease would be reduced by a large amount. It is the most important single risk factor."

All sorts of things including politics and the action of the tobacco lobbies seem to have prevented that message getting through, says the professor, who was convenor of the British Cardiac Society's working group on coronary disease prevention.

The BCS's report, published earlier this year, is an attempt to focus the attention of doctors and other professionals on the problem. It says that coronary heart disease (CHD) is the biggest single cause of death in Britain. It leads to a third of all deaths in men and a quarter of deaths in women. Poor diet, lack of exercise and high blood pressure also in-

crease our chances of getting the disease.

The report says:

- People must be urged to stop smoking cigarettes, and young people discouraged from starting.
- Those with high blood cholesterol — which accelerates the clogging of the arteries with fatty deposits — should get dietary advice.
- Consumption of fat in the national diet should be reduced and the intake of fibre-rich carbohydrates increased.
- Obesity should be avoided by a combination of eating the right food and taking exercise.
- Physical exercise should be a normal part of daily living.

The working party report, is uncompromising on cigarettes. "The greatest risk is to those who smoke more than 20 cigarettes a day. There is a clear interaction between cigarette smoking and hypertension and hypercholesterolaemia in increasing the risks of coronary heart disease."

"The first objective is for non-smoking to be regarded as normal behaviour. Low-tar, low-nicotine cigarettes offer

no alternative solution to the abandonment of smoking."

The report expresses particular concern about smoking among young women which, against the trends, is on the increase. This needs particularly vigorous action.

There is a pay-off for the reformed smoker. "The increased risk of heart disease in smokers is reduced when the habit is abandoned. A major proportion of this fall occurs in the first year with a reduction of risk to near non-smoking levels at about three years."

The next most important risk factor, but far less well defined, says Professor Oliver, is a raised level of blood cholesterol. The risk from too high a cholesterol level, he says, affects about 20 per cent of the population. The rest have relatively normal cholesterol.

Those at the top of the scale would be wise to alter their diet, and possibly even take drugs, to bring the cholesterol down. Those with a moderate elevation of cholesterol should watch their diet.

Pinningpoint those who are particularly at risk would mean taking blood tests from the entire population and that would be uneconomic. So it makes sense to give general dietary advice to the population as well as specific advice to those who are at high risk.

Professor Oliver says that because raised cholesterol and the third big risk factor, high blood pressure, tend to run in families, family doctors are ideally placed to monitor the disease. They should look for families where several members have had coronaries or strokes, or have had them prematurely.

GPs should then contact colleagues who are looking after other members of those families and advise them that their patient should be screened. This sort of screening is economic to do and practical, says the professor. "The yield is much higher than it would be from going across the whole population."

There is strong circumstantial evidence from experimental, biochemical and epidemiological studies that coronary heart disease should be preventable. So does the British group go along with the World Health Organization view that the debate now is "on how, not on whether, CHD could be prevented?"

Professor Oliver believes the weight of the evidence does not permit unreserved endorsement of the WHO view. "In other words, by doing all that we are suggesting we believe that we will manage to reduce the incidence but not totally prevent the disease."



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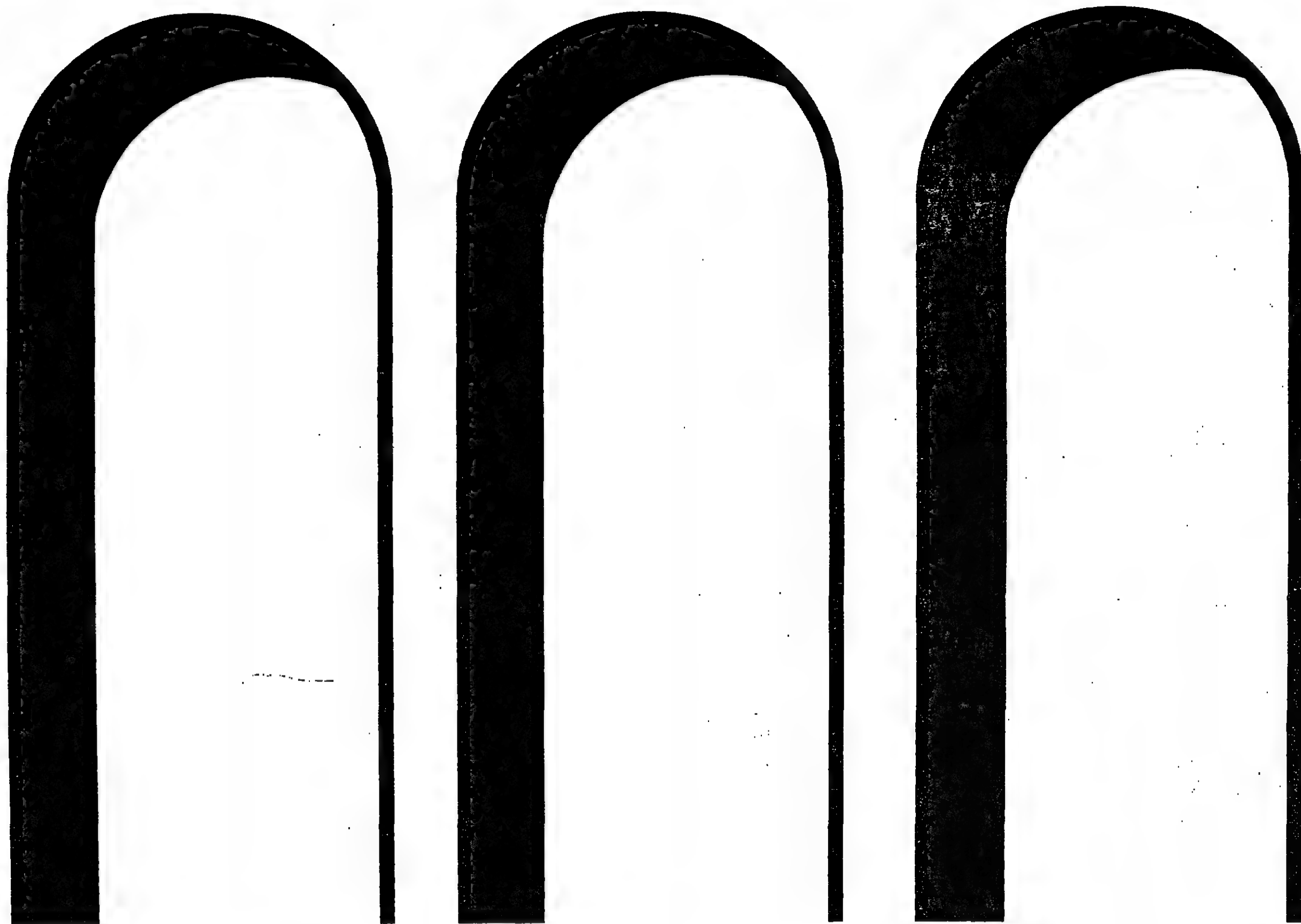
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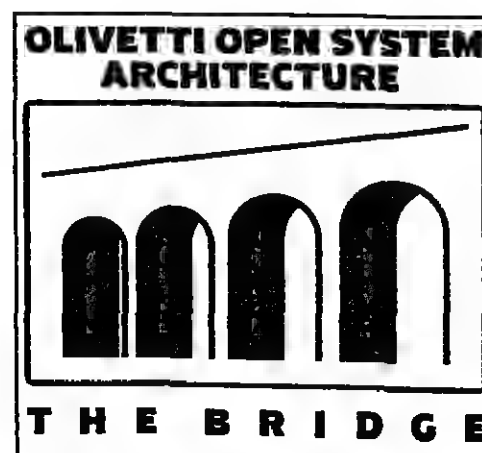
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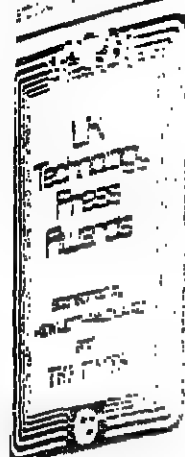
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Olivetti enters new era

THE WEEK

By Matthew May

The Milan computer firm, Olivetti, announced a range of new products in London last week where chairman Carlo Benedetti promised "a new Olivetti of the microcomputer age."

The choice of a London launch for Olivetti was to have coincided with the visit of President Cossiga, and despite its cancellation the company's move out of home territory emphasised a determination to be seen as the European computer firm that can challenge the industry's domination by American companies.

Last week's launch covered new microcomputers, workstations, networks and claims of compatibility, both within the range and with a host of standards slowly being established within the industry.

Olivetti's emphasis on compatibility is an attempt to challenge the large firms in the microcomputer sector and particularly Digital Equipment, whose

success has been boosted by having a computer range from small minis to near mainframes that are compatible with each other.

Customers have become increasingly concerned about the need for systems where different pieces of equipment can communicate with each other.

This year Olivetti moved into tenth place in the *Datamation* magazine league table of the top 10 of computer firms in the world. Siemens is the only other European firm to feature in a list dominated by American companies.

Olivetti has made successful inroads over the past four years with its personal computers - it now holds second place to IBM in the European market. But after several years of increasing profits the company is expected to announce a sharp drop this year due to a fall in sales to AT&T and restructuring costs after the purchase of Triumph Adler last year.

AT&T, which has a 23.5 per cent stake in Olivetti, is this year expected to buy less than a quarter of the 180,000 personal computers it

ordered last year to sell on under its own name.

Last June Olivetti announced several new personal computers as a response to IBM's recent PS/2 machines.

Success with its new minicomputers are seen as vital for a return to profit increases in 1988 but it will not be an easy task. Company officials admit that the company's earlier attempt to move into the mainframe business by selling on computers supplied by the Japanese firm Hitachi had dismal sales.

"They really are trying to change their image, to promote a new Olivetti look," said Alberto Alonzo, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd said.

"These new products are a culmination of Olivetti's strategy of not just being a maker of computers, but of offering networks and services. They are still identified as an office automation company - people don't associate them with being in the microcomputer business. They will need to do some convincing."

For Mr Benedetti the problems are



Carlo de Benedetti: "Danger of over-ambition"

also more philosophical. "Manufacturers are in danger of passing for apprentice magicians, letting lose phenomena which may present a high margin of risk, as recent events on world financial markets seem to indicate," he said.

"Manufacturers and users of these technologies must acquire a new sense of responsibility. Only then can we achieve a balanced transition towards a new social organisation without paying too high a price."

Specialist firms in line for network contracts

NETWORKS

By Pat Sweet

Many companies are likely to cease developing their own private networks and opt for services provided either by the big organisations that run national systems, such as British Telecom, or by new specialist firms.

The prediction is made by Butler Cox, the management consultancy, in a report due out next month which looks at trends in data communications over the next five years. If these changes come about, they are likely to have a radical impact on the careers of many people.

The author, Jim Norton, who spent 17 years with British Telecom, points out for example, that the changes will mean a completely new role for the telecommunications manager in a company.

He said: "Until now, most of telecommunications managers have been pre-occupied with technical maintenance of a private network and assessing new gadgets." But in future they will need to adapt to a new entrepreneurial role as what he describes as "communications brokers," with the crucial role of explaining the different options available to senior management.

There will be an emphasis on the ability to manage external suppliers and resources and for such managers to be more commercially aligned with the business rather than the technology. They will also tend to buy in outside expertise rather than try to do everything in-house.

Telecommunications managers who want to remain responsible for purely technical decisions will move into consultancy, the running of spec-

alist networks, or to the computer firms who will increasingly move in on the telecommunications market.

The report also predicts that European PTIs are going to find it difficult to provide the sort of one-stop shopping services for communications that companies will demand.

Mr Norton believes that despite their established networks, large customer base and big investments, the PTIs will be hampered by problems of international co-operation, restrictions on the activities of their sales groups and commitment to existing services.

"Their problem," he said, "is not that they can't see the opportunities but that they can't find an enabling mechanism."

There will also be strong growth in specialist sector networks, offering services tailored to a particular group, such as lawyers and airline operators. Both factors will combine to produce a dramatic decline in the number of firms choosing to operate their own networks.

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Jim Norton: new role for telecommunications manager

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dards, and to give customers compatible services across national boundaries.

They are more likely to come from computer manufacturers who have the necessary experience of marketing to big companies rather than the smaller telecommunications suppliers.

Mr Norton is expecting at least three big players in this market, including possibly a non-technical multinational which enters by acquisition. With 40 per cent of the worldwide expenditure on telecommunications, US companies look well-placed.

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● *The Battle for the European Data Communications Market*, by Butler Cox, 12 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1, to be published next month

Learning to be a friendly workstation master

By Martin Banks

As the number of people using computers, and their cousins the workstation, continue to grow, the increasing amount of processing power available means that many employees should not have to become as computer literate now as manufacturers strive to make their systems increasingly "user friendly".

About 1.5 million people in Britain now use workstations in their jobs, says IBM. By and large these tend to be fairly specialized; systems that are more powerful, and more expensive than the usual common or garden personal computers.

This is about to change as is the workstation itself and the way in which it is used. IBM figures predict that by 1995 there will be 12 million workstations in use in British industry. In addition, it believes that there will be some six million computers in use at home.

All this represents a significant, two-pronged attack on the way in which people work and the tools at their disposal.

The personal computer opened up the idea of the individual working with a computer system. The advent of networking showed that communications between the

individuals, and the home and office, could be established.

In both cases, however, the facilities available are arguably limited and have either restricted the amount of work an individual has been able to perform, or limited the use of such systems to those professionals with the aptitude and the need to learn how to exploit them better.

The appearance of machines like the Compaq Deskpro 386/20, however, mark a major shift in performance for personal computers. Here is a box that in certain respects has the performance and power comparable to a current graphics workstation system costing upwards of £50,000.

Couple that to the appearance of new, all-digital telephone branch exchange systems, such as IBM's new 8750 and the digital Rolmphone that goes with it, and the work environment in industry and commerce may change dramatically.

The Rolmphone has the facility to connect a PC directly into the all-digital PBX, creating a whole new meaning to the word network.

It has, for example, the ability to combine voice and data traffic on a single telephone cable. When the PC is connected to such a system, has the power and performance of a high-resolution graphics workstation, and can be located equally well in either the office or at home, then work practices are bound to change.

Much will depend upon economics as to how these new capabilities will be used. The new workstation systems will start out at around the £5000 mark, but could well drop to £2000-£3000 over the next few years.

Adding in the cost per extension of the PBX, up to £360, means that it will soon be possible to have tremendous networked power available for under £3000 per user.

This makes it possible to foresee the spread of such systems in a much wider range of jobs within industry and commerce.

The power of the workstation itself will make it possible to create new work environments for staff. For example, much has been written in the past about icons and window environments, yet the power of existing systems has limited its exploitation and usefulness.

Currently, the typical user falls into two categories. The first is the clerical/secretarial role, where much of the day-to-day data entry work is performed. The other is the professional decision-maker using database, financial management and spreadsheet applications.

From now on, the range of users will spread into a much wider range of office-oriented line-work, such as technical documentation, graphic design and project organization, as well as new work areas such as knowledge management.

The real trick, however, is to have an environment in which the people who are good at their job, rather than those that are good at using computers or organizing others, become the key users.

Tuning in to top recruits

RECRUITMENT

The recruitment of researchers in science and technology by the private sector has taken a step towards computerization with a service that gives companies access to a database of potential staff who are postgraduates at British universities or polytechnics, writes Matthew May.

It removes the need for firms themselves to monitor who is doing what and where.

The system, Science and Technology Employment, is run by Longman Cartmill, which claims that half of Britain's leading 500 companies have expressed interest in using the system.

The company also runs the British Expertise in Science and Technology database, which has information on the different research projects being carried out in Britain.

British education has yet to follow the example of Stanford University, however, which is planning a system for the end of the year which will contain the profiles of their postgraduates regardless of whether they are looking for jobs or happily employed.

Subscribing companies will get a list of graduates who match the requirements of a particular job vacancy. Initial details are given without names, sex or age. If the candidate is interested a meeting is arranged.

To start with, the database will contain details of 4,000 or 5,000 graduates with computer science, business or engineering degrees. An expansion to 10,000 is expected by the end of the first year.

There are plans to add three more colleges to the system, including Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

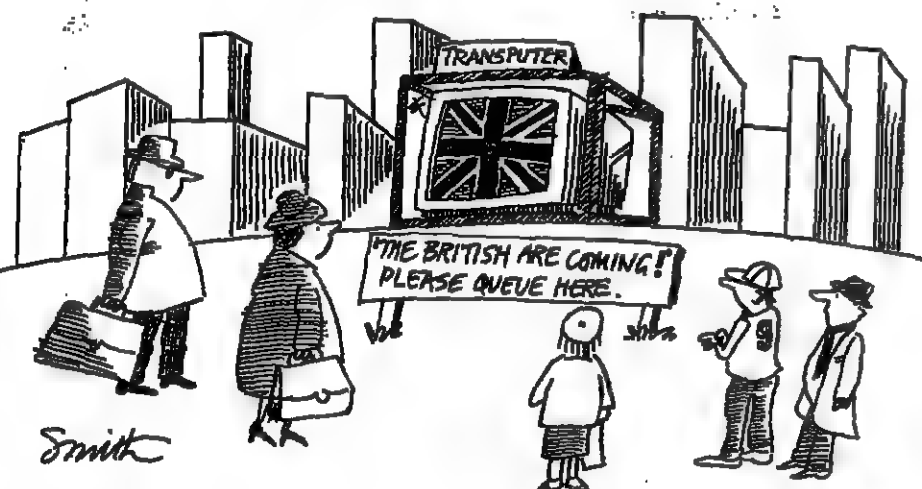
More than 50 firms have joined so far including Du Pont, Boeing, Tandem Computers and Hewlett-Packard. They will pay a fee of £2,000 per year.

Who wins what

Tomorrow night the winners of the UK Technology Press Awards, sponsored jointly by *The Times* and Hewlett-Packard, will be announced at a special awards ceremony at Claridge's hotel hosted by Cliff Michelson.

Twenty-two finalists are competing for seven awards with prizes worth more than £10,000.

They include a complete desktop-publishing system, three HP portable Vectras and inkjet portable printers, 1,000 of photographic equipment, crates of champagne and engraved silver trophies.



Jobs boom up-market

By Richard Sarson

In a dark corner on the fringes of last week's Computex exhibition was a small stand called the Transputer Forum, occupied by four young hardware and software companies.

The stand highlighted the potential explosion of job prospects in the fashionable world of parallel processing.

The four companies have been formed to exploit the new technologies opened up by the Transputer, the innovative British chip developed over many years by Inmos, part of Thorn-EMI.

One of them, Real World Graphics, has put together Transputers for clever graphics applications in flight simulation, architectural visualization and graphic arts.

But the programs to use many of these applications do not yet exist, least of all those which will make use of parallel processing techniques.

First opportunities are likely to be for programmers with a strong background in graphics.

Two other firms, Whitecross and Top Express, believe they have found even more important uses for the Transputer, far away from the technical and scientific world, which has so far been the habitat for parallelism.

This is the financial sector, where Big Bang has put such a strain on conventional computer systems that there are

several firms desperate to find new solutions.

Innovative computer managers see parallel processors as being one answer to their soaring numbers of transactions. Because of the way Transputers work, if customers run out of power all they need to do is plug in another Transputer - the ultimate in "upgradability" as the computer industry would have it.

And several linked Transputers can be more reliable than one mainframe.

But, before the Transputer

An answer to a soaring number of transactions

In the City becomes a reality there is a lot of work to be done - compilers will have to be written, database packages converted and financial terminals linked.

Financial and commercial software will need to be written in Occam, the Transputer's parallel processing language. Or, it may be found that Occam is unsuitable for commercial programming, and other high-level parallel languages will have to be written.

The four companies on the Computex stand are only the tip of an iceberg. Peter Carrivill of Inmos said that there are already 50 computers incorporating the Transputer, while

250 companies are committed to design new products with it next year.

If the Transputer continues to take off it looks as if it could even become a standard chip for fast computers, with some industry analysts predicting it could replace chips from the American firms Intel and Motorola.

Now is the critical period for Britain as research in parallel processing moves out of the laboratory world of academia and increasingly into live products - a time where British inventions have frequently ended up marketed better by foreign competitors.

One possible solution is demonstrated by a firm called Niche Technology. It was formed six weeks ago with American money by Richard Bloch, a pioneer of the US computer industry, and Ian Pearson, previously with Inmos. Offices have opened in Bristol and Houston. Production will be in Taiwan but its research and development will be in Bristol.

It will be a combination of UK technology and US marketing skill. Its Advanced Computing Platform, like other products in the pipeline, will require a technical workforce which knows how to program in Occam, how to think in parallel and how to market the new concepts.

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'New and better things' for the programmers

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

In the early days of computing, applications programming — at machine-code level — was complex, programs simple in their application, and system analysis virtually non-existent. Gradually, the applications programmer was supported by systems software, operating the systems and high-level languages, and at the other end by the development of systems design and analysis techniques.

As the power of hardware and the cost and performance ratios changed, programming and systems analysis became more sophisticated. Programmers and analysts grew in numbers to become the dominant type of staff employed in computer installations.

They were needed to cope with the continuing demand for ever-new computer applications and gradually tools, techniques and methods were introduced to help them.

Little has changed in terms of the way computer staff are seen. Programmers, followed

City gives £25,000 research bursary

by analysts, still predominate on the jobs scene, but changes in hardware, software and information technology in general signal the start of a shift in the type and emphasis of computer staff that companies will employ in future.

In the same way that machine-code programming moved to a higher level, so too it is expected that programming and analysis, as they exist today, will move on to new and better things.

Aware of this, the recently formed City Livery company, the Company of Information



Technologists, has awarded a £25,000 postgraduate bursary to the City of London Business School for research into the future skills in information technology needed by people working in the City.

Alan Benjamin, director of communications at CAP and one of the founders of the Company of Information Technologists, says: "Programmers will move to a higher level and become program assemblers using new tools and assembly methods to produce systems devised in block form by systems designers. There will be little programming involved."

George Penney, director of the National Computing Centre (NCC) agrees. He says: "In commercial data processing, more sophisticated design software will mean a decreasing emphasis on programming. The software itself will be doing the basic programming within defined system specifications. It means a decrease in applications programming as we know it."

"When the software and storage costs drop, in say 10 years to enable general use at desktop level, we will see a change in requirements for programmers. However, before then we must still fill the current shortage of programmers and analysts which

is running at up to 15 per cent in software development. "Demand for analysts will increase as analyst workbenches will enable more systems to be developed. Therefore, programmers will need to be more people-oriented if they are to move into analysis."

"It poses a problem for the mechanistic type of person, though such people will still find a demand for their skills in computer systems design. But even in this field there will be a change, according to Mr Benjamin. "People who design systems in the future will need to have wider experience and greater knowledge of applications in depth."

New skills needed for retrieval

"They will become less computer-systems designers and more simply systems designers with a wider understanding of the user activities. Applications will be dominated by, not so much the application itself, but by its integration into the company's work."

A further growing skill requirement will be for designers handling information. With hundreds of databases becoming available to companies from different sources,



Programmers will have to understand their employers' business more if they are to protect their jobs over the next ten years says Alan Benjamin, pictured above.

both internal and external, it will need new skills to determine information selection and retrieval.

Information-handling designers will be needed to set constraints for a company and to structure user access to databases on the basis of a balance between cost and speed.

Overall it would appear that job skills and types will move up a level and we will see the demise of the type of work many existing programmers do.

This is already starting to happen as fourth generation languages (4GL) are spreading quickly and are leading to more rapidly developed and disposable software.

The trend will become more pronounced as new auto-built tools and generators appear for 4GL, though traditional programming will not disappear overnight.

Mr Penney says: "Cobol still represents 50 per cent of the programming work currently undertaken in computer installations, and even if everyone stopped using Cobol today it would still take 15 years of substantial conventional programming effort to maintain existing systems until they were superceded."

A guide when lost in the corridors of technology power

Since the post of Minister for Science and Technology was abolished, and Sir Geoffrey Pattie's job with it, people in the high-tech industry have found it harder to grasp Government policy towards information technology, or see how they can influence it.

MPs are not seen as much help, as only 5 per cent of them have any personal experience of the subject and only a few attend debates on IT matters.

There are, however, some guides to technology lost in the corridors of power.

One is Pitcom, an informal "Parliamentary Information Technology Committee", which meets about once a month in the Commons. It is open to non-MPs connected with the industry.

The pattern of the meetings is for IT members to do most of the talking, while the parliamentarians listen. A minister responds to the debate.

At the end of a recent Pitcom meeting, the Trade and

still hand out money and encouragement.

On the very day last month when the Government pointedly did not send a minister to open an international space conference in Brighton, John Batcher, the Under-Secretary of State responsible for the computer industry, launched the second phase of the Vanguard project, which offers so-called pump-priming for industry groups and trading associations who wish to do pilot schemes on paperless trading — the exchange of orders and invoices electronically.

The Government believes that paperless trading, unlike space or pre-competitive research, could give Britain an immediate competitive edge.

A guide to other government initiatives is contained in a new monthly newsletter, *IT in Parliament*. It also gives hints on how to lobby MPs.

The editor, Brian Murphy, explains that it is unrealistic to expect the generalist politician to act on a set of facts that seem self-evident to a computer person.

GOVERNMENT

By Richard Sarson

Industry Secretary, Lord Young of Gifford, contrasted the success of Apple, which was started in a garage 11 years ago with private venture capital of \$600,000, against the swift collapse of the office-automation firm Nexco, set up around the same time by the National Enterprise Board at a cost to the taxpayers of £35 million.

He does not believe that government handouts help computer firms. As a result, his department is considering whether to continue funding of the Alvey and Esprit projects for "pre-competitive" research.

However, there is one area, where the government does

Tom Bevington: Lack of firms' expertise in application and misuse of office systems causes despair

ing on getting your produce there earlier than the Japanese can."

But he has found many companies still have totally unreal ideas of their own "performance". Mr Bevington tells of one firm which was coaxed to answer requests for orders 95 per cent of the time. But the 95 per cent only applied to goods which were actually in stock — so the directors were blissfully unaware of the very large number of clients they were failing.

"Even if data processing managers see solutions to a problem, they don't have a cat in hell's chance of communicating with the people in the board room who make all the important decisions. Data processing needs to be given much higher status if the right use is ever to be made of information technology."

"What is the use of teaching people on an MBA course how to program? It is the application which is important, and with one exception, Imperial College, no one is teaching it properly."



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Would you believe hi-tech salesman?

COMPUTER BRIEFING

■ The public image of the computer industry is one of the poorest, according to the British Microcomputer Federation which describes the industry's reputation as only better than the travel industry and financial services companies. To try to improve the image, the federation has announced plans to sell a "seal of confidence" to software and hardware suppliers and computer dealers in the microcomputer business. Subscribing firms get stickers to put on their products to show they follow the federation's code of practice. The first company to sign-up is the British arm of US firm Ashton-Tate, which will use the BMF seal on all its products from early next year. Microsoft and Lotus are expected to follow suit.

More job cuts in the Valley

■ Two leading Silicon Valley semiconductor manufacturers have announced job cuts totalling 1,000 in connection with recent acquisitions. Advanced Micro Devices said it will reduce research and development spending, which is averaging more than 25 per cent of sales, by \$10 million a quarter. The reduction comes after the company's acquisition of Monolithic Memories and will eliminate technology-development programs in certain computer memory products and cut the workforce by about 500 employees.

National Semiconductor also said it would lay off 500 employees in the next several weeks. The reduction, which will primarily affect administrative and other non-manufacturing positions, is the second resulting from National's acquisition of Fairchild Semiconductor last month.

Telecomputing buy-out complete

■ Network Designs has announced the completion of a management buy-out from Telecomputing. It was formed as an associate company of Telecomputing to produce communications products between micro and mainframes and has installed around 5,000. The firm sells the Tango product for communications with ICL computers and Amethyst for IBM with the two combined giving PC connections between ICL and IBM machines.

Japanese move into Wales

■ The Japanese firm, Star Micronics, is to establish a printer manufacturing plant near Tregaron in South Wales. A new British subsidiary firm will be formed to run the 5000 square metre factory being bought from the Welsh Development Agency which will also provide grants. Seventy jobs will be created in the first year with a target of 180 staff by 1990.

India logs on to American Crays

■ The Indian government is to buy two giant Cray XMP-14 supercomputers from the US, the first sale of the system outside the Nato alliance. One will be located in Bangalore and the other in New Delhi. The US agreed to supply supercomputers to India earlier this year only after New Delhi had assured Washington that the system would not be used for military purposes. At that time the Indian government said it would buy one Cray XMP-24, to be used to improve weather forecasting and agriculture capabilities. The sale follows a statement last month that the US had agreed to supply "highly sophisticated defence equipment" to India which it had not sold to other countries. Though the US is India's largest trade partner, the Soviet Union is the country's main defence supplier.

Where are the gentle sex?

■ Girls are being prevented from learning about computers and technology because teachers regard the disciplines as "boys' subjects", the Equal Opportunities Commission claims in new guidelines for primary schools, drawn up after research work in Sheffield, the EOC says science and technology subjects are "dominated by boys". It asks teachers to check that computer software for the classroom is "non-sexist, non-racist and wherever possible portrays girls in active positive roles". Teachers should ensure girls get an equal amount of time on computer keyboard and should choose a girl to demonstrate computer use to the class, the guidelines say.

West German jolt

■ Siemens, the electronics-to-nuclear-power-giant and West Germany's leading computer firm, announced a cut in its dividend on Tuesday giving a new jolt to West German business confidence already shaken by the broad crash in share values. Siemens said it was cutting its dividend after net profit fell to a provisional 1.3 billion marks (£430 million) from 1.47 billion (£487 million) the previous year. Siemens has seen fewer orders for nuclear plant equipment and reduced business in computers and electronics. Analysts say West German companies follow a cautious dividend policy and that it is rare to them to change their pay-outs. Siemens was expected to cover the effect of a lower profit from its vast cash reserves.

Paperless police

■ The era of the paperless police station moved closer last week with the arrival of a computer system which will eventually replace the traditional notebook. Fifteen uniformed officers in Exmouth, Devon, are to use small portable computers computer in a year-long experiment backed by a £25,000 Home Office grant. Police chiefs hope the £1,500 computers will later be used by police forces throughout Britain.

The computers are primed with vital questions for officers to ask witnesses at scenes of crime and information is fed back to a computer at the police station. Each officer is given his own password to stop crime information falling into the wrong hands but at the moment the machines are not programmed to deal with major investigations such as murders. This is the first time the Home Office has awarded a grant for research work of this kind.

Learn to respect the hardware

PEOPLE

By Ann Kent

"Information technology ought to be about teaching people to do things in different ways. But far too many people use it to do the wrong things faster. And they waste millions in the process. No wonder the Japanese are beating us."

It was just as well that Tom Bevington was handicapped by a migraine on the day of our interview. For he admits that once he gets going on the way office technology is misused, he feels an urge to grab his listeners by the throat.

Mr Bevington concedes that he probably sees the worst of the casualties. He has just moved to Australia to work for a management consultancy and until July was director of information technology for AT Kearney. He tends to get called in when things have gone badly wrong.

One of his clients, for example, recently spent £9 million on developing new software, which is now costing the company an extra £250,000 to run. Inevitably the added expense has been built in to the price of their product.

At the root of these troubles is the "just in case" way software is put together says Mr Bevington. Because the data processing manager is only a middle level executive, he has to take on board all the working practices of different departments who will use the terminals. He lacks the clout to insist on more efficient working methods.

"We see people with stock worth millions of pounds, operating a manual stock control system. And what are they doing with their new office technology?"

"They are rewriting their payroll systems because it has been decided from on high that the existing payroll packages don't exactly fit

their requirements. The envelopes don't fit, or whatever."

Mr Bevington, like most people who have been in computing for more than ten minutes, arrived in a roundabout way. In the late 1960s he had graduated in engineering and was designing high performance engines for Ford.

He started writing programs to avoid some of the more repetitive parts of his job, and was snapped up by the computer department.

He then joined Players with the then revolutionary task of using computers to get maximum production from the machines. Mr Bevington learned that productivity data could be wildly inaccurate when bonuses were at stake and that you could achieve little unless you got the foreman on his side.

He was then transferred to Courage and was faced with a major foul up within two days of his arrival. The computer invoicing system was so chaotic that a garage had seized a



sales rep's car, removed its wheels and was refusing to release it until the garage bill was paid.

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A sales drive launched in harder times

By Geoff Wheelwright

As the stock market nears the end of the first gloomy month of the year, the computer industry is launching a sales drive to the City for Big Bang are now trying to sell a second generation of computer systems to the market makers, amid tight budgets and a strong demand for increased processing power.

Manufacturers of lower-cost personal computers are hoping to get in on the depressed market believing that companies which were willing to spend large sums on mini-computer systems might now

look at powerful micros as a cheaper alternative.

One British company trying to make the most of the situation is Apricot Computers, which last week announced its PC-based based Citydesk system. The system, which uses 386 processors on PCs costing from £3,000 to £5,000, includes facilities such as the ability to look at several information services at once on the same screen.

Citydesk uses Microsoft's picture-controlled windows to make its system easier to use by City staff.

It also uses the latest Excel spreadsheet system as a base for stock market management

and communications software. It could represent a crucial market for Apricot in the coming months, with IBM's new Personal System/2 computers likely to provide tough competition for some firms in selling to general customers. Establishing products in specialized markets is seen as the answer.

Apricot's managing director, Roger Foster, admits that setting up the system has been difficult.

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Art therapy is not easy to define. Indeed, in a way art therapists' work depends upon the needs of their clients. Art therapy is not about teaching people to draw or paint. Joy Schaverien, one of the lecturers in art therapy at Hertfordshire College of Art and Design, explains: "Quite often art reveals far more than words. It reveals unconscious processes as well as conscious ones. However, art therapy is not about interpreting other people's minds through their pictures."

"The picture produced tells me nothing, but indicates a lot. It will perhaps indicate that this person is feeling this way in relation to an incident in the past, or the present, or both at once, and it may help me to decide which way to go next."

Her colleague, Dr Janek Dubowski, referring to the value of art therapy for the severely mentally handicapped, says: "Quite often pictorial expression, even at a primitive symbol stage, will allow a person to express feelings which, because of lack of language, cannot be expressed in any other legitimate way."

Work in drug and alcohol treatment centres

Art therapists work with individuals and with groups, usually as part of a multi-disciplinary team. They provide a safe environment, in which strong feelings can be expressed, but also contained. The atmosphere is one of trust. At the most basic level this means always keeping one's word, and that includes being punctual.

Whereas in the past the practice of art therapy was largely concerned with the mentally ill or the mentally handicapped, today it is by no means confined to those areas. Art therapists work in child guidance clinics, family therapy, marital therapy, counselling services, psychotherapy departments, drug and alcohol treatment units, and adolescent centres.

Smaller numbers are involved in education, both with adults and with children. They run sessions in special schools, and in ordinary primary or secondary schools, where the behaviour of difficult and disruptive children can often be contained through the co-operation of therapist and teacher. A few are employed by the prison service and the probation service.

In the community you find people like Colin Teasdale, secretary of the British Association of Art Therapists, who has

Long before Van Gogh doctors were aware of the therapeutic value of art for the mentally ill, but in the first of a series on teaching therapies, Joan Llewelyn Owens sketches in the potential for this new profession

completed a research degree in art psychotherapy at the Royal College of Art in relation to his work with homeless people. He is now running a course in New Cross, London, to support people who have moved into their own, or shared, accommodation after periods of institutional care or homelessness; and for people who find themselves socially isolated.

Through art, the course aims to provide the opportunity to explore and share issues of personal importance, within an educational and counselling framework. "They need to develop creative skills in order to build themselves into their accommodation," said Colin. "They also need to gain insight as to why they were homeless in the past and how that can be changed."

Before you can become an art therapist, you must understand the nature of creativity as well as the nature of imagery. Training is therefore postgraduate. The majority of students have a first degree in art and design, but applicants with professional qualifications in such fields as occupational therapy, psychiatric nursing, social work and teaching, are also considered. However, such people must also be artists, even if they have not received a formal training, and are expected to produce portfolios of their work at interview.

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Students explore their own inner feelings

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The profession is still small, but is growing. Newly-qualified therapists often obtain posts as a result of their own initiative in persuading a health authority or the social services of the value of their work. Former students take students in training for placements and then manage to find new posts for them. Not all will have the title of art therapist. In prisons they may be called art tutor; in the social services they may be known as group workers.

They do not pretend that art therapy is a panacea for all ills, but it can provide a medium for self exploration, which in many cases will help people to come to terms with their problems.

Further information: British Association for Art Therapists, 13C Northwood Road, London NW6 5TL.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Cleveland County Council

CLEVELAND CONSTABULARY

Director of Technical Services

Salary negotiable circa £28,000 + Car + Performance related pay

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You will be responsible for managing the Council's Engineering, Works, Architectural and Planning Services.

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Spelthorne is just west of London in a pleasant rural and suburban area with easy access to London, surrounding countryside and Heathrow Airport.

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Spelthorne

ASSISTANT TO THE FORCE SOLICITOR - C£16,000

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Assistance with removal and relocation expenses will be provided in approved cases. Temporary housing accommodation may also be available within the County area.

If you think you are the person we are looking for, application forms are available from and should be returned to Police Headquarters, P.O. BOX 70, Ladgate Lane, Middlesbrough, Cleveland. (Telephone 0642 326326) by 11th December 1987.

Applicants who do not receive a written communication within 5 weeks of the closing date should assume their application has been unsuccessful. We are an equal opportunities employer. All applicants who have the support of the Disabling Retirement Officer will be granted an interview.

RHONDDA BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH TECHNICAL OFFICER

Chief Architect - Post T.4

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plus essential car and telephone allowance

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The Rhondda Valley provides an increasingly ruralised and attractive environment in which to live and work - within easy reach of Cardiff City Centre, the Gower Peninsula and the Brecon Beacons National Park. Housing prices are extremely competitive.

The Council has a generous relocation scheme offering assistance towards removal expenses. The Authority is an Equal Opportunities Employer. The appointment is subject to the National Scheme of Conditions of Service.

CANVASSING WILL DISQUALIFY

If you feel this challenging position would be of interest, please apply by obtaining an application form from the Personnel Officer, Municipal Offices, PENTRE, Rhondda, Mid Glamorgan CF41 7BT. (Telephone: Tanyard 434551, Ext. 275), to whom completed forms must be returned by NOON on THURSDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, 1987.

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For further information telephone

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between 9.00 - 6.00

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The Director of Management Services for the Syndicate has, under the Secretary, particular responsibility for personnel, data processing, printing, buildings and other services. He/she has general oversight of each of these areas and is responsible for their efficient operation to the Board of Management. He/she is assisted by a Data Processing Manager, Personnel Officer and Services Officer.

He/she will have close contact with each of the Officers and the Data Processing Manager to discuss all aspects of their work. He/she requires an adequate understanding of the operation of a large data-processing unit, and of both print-purchasing and an in-house printing unit, which has a photo typesetting section and an illustrating studio. He/she is also required to have an understanding of the human resource needs of the Syndicate and of the physical conditions in which the staff work.

He/she will be appointed at the level of Senior Assistant Secretary, for which the salary at the present time is £21,605. Further details may be obtained on request from The Secretary, University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate, 1 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB1 2EU. Tel 0223 51111. Applications with CVs, in triplicate, should reach the Secretary by Monday, 7 December 1987.

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For further information please telephone Mr. P. Tait, Principal Solicitor on 01-686 4433 ext. 2302.

Application forms, and a job description are available from the Head of Personnel and Productivity Services, on the above telephone number ext. 4012.

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Application forms and further details may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, S.H.A., Chancery House, 107 St. Paul's Road, Islington, London, N1 2NB.

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Write in confidence by 11th December 1987 giving full details of education, experience, employment, present salary, post applied for and date available to: Personnel Manager, Legal Aid, Legal Aid Head Office, Newspaper House, 8-16 Great New Street, London EC4 3BN.



PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

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Application forms and job description can be obtained from: Personnel Services, Rhymney Valley District Council, Ystrad Fawr, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed, Mid Glam. Tel: (0443) 815588 Ext. 223.

If you wish to discuss this position informally please contact Mr. Dave Marsh on Ext. 311 or Mr. Phil Watkins on ext. 315. The closing date for receipt of application forms will be December 3, 1987.

COUNTRYSIDE
AND
ENVIRONMENT
POLICY ADVISER

The NFU seek to appoint a Countryside and Environment Policy Adviser. The Adviser's brief will be to assist the development of the NFU's policies and membership advice on countryside, conservation and related environmental matters.

Candidates, who will probably be in the 28 to 35 years age range, should have a good degree in a relevant discipline and a number of years of experience working in the countryside/conservation area.

The post will entail substantial representative activity and some public speaking as well as administrative work. Consequently the successful candidate must be a good communicator both verbally and in writing, and must combine enthusiasm with judgement. A background in close understanding of agriculture is desirable.

Further particulars and application forms are available from: The Director of Personnel (BRK), NFU, Agriculture House, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7NJ.

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Application forms and further details from: Personnel Section, Equal Opportunities Commission, Overseas House, Quay Street, Manchester M3 3HN. Tel: 061-633 9244 Ext. 229.

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Director's duty towards creditors

Liquidator of West Mercia Safetywear Ltd v Dodd and Another

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Caultfield

[Judgment November 19]

Where a company was insolvent a director's general duty to act in the best interests of the company included a duty to protect the interests of the company's creditors.

The Court of Appeal so stated, allowing an appeal by the liquidator of the property of West Mercia Safetywear Ltd, Mr A. J. Dodd, from a decision of Mr Justice Caultfield, sitting at Worcester County Court on April 29, 1987 whereby he had dismissed the liquidator's application for a declaration that Mr Dodd was guilty of misfeasance and breach of trust in relation to West Mercia Safetywear Ltd in as much as he did obtain and transfer for the benefit of A. J. Dodd & Co Ltd, a company of which he was director, on May 21, 1984 the sum of £4,000.

Mr Mark Phillips for the

liquidator; Mr Timothy A. Jones for Mr Dodd.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the question concerned a fraudulent preference and misfeasance arising out of the liquidation of a company called West Mercia Safetywear Ltd. The appellant was the liquidator and the respondent to the appeal, Mr A. J. Dodd, was a director of West Mercia and another company called A. J. Dodd & Co Ltd. Both companies were insolvent and the account of West Mercia was in credit and that of A. J. Dodd & Co was considerably overdrawn.

The bank had a charge to secure the account of A. J. Dodd & Co on its book debts and the personal guarantee of Mr Dodd himself. The book debts of A. J. Dodd & Co included a debt of £30,000 due to the company from West Mercia. In 1984 both companies were insolvent and steps were taken to put the company into liquidation.

Mr Dodd and his co-director were told that the bank accounts of both companies were not to be operated. Subsequently, Mr

Dodd instructed the bank to transfer £4,000 from West Mercia's account into the overdrawn account of A. J. Dodd & Co.

To his Lordship's mind it was quite clear that there was a fraudulent preference of A. J. Dodd & Co. It followed that there was a misfeasance on the part of Mr Dodd as a director who owed a fiduciary duty to West Mercia in making that transfer by way of fraudulent preference. *See Re Washington Diamond Mining (1893) 3 Ch 95* (especially the judgment of Lord Justice Kay at p115).

The judge, nonetheless, felt that although Mr Dodd had acted improperly he had not misapplied any assets of West Mercia because he had used assets merely to pay in part a debt owed by West Mercia to A. J. Dodd & Co. The judge therefore concluded that Mr Dodd was not in breach of any duty of care with regard to West Mercia and he held that the proceedings were misconceived.

In reaching that conclusion the judge relied on certain comments which his Lordship himself had made in *Multinational Gas and Petrochemical Services Ltd and Others* (1983) 1 Ch 258. That case was however wholly different from the present.

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West Mercia was at the relevant time insolvent to the knowledge of the directors who had been told not to make transfers or deal with the company's accounts. Mr Dodd had in fact made a transfer for his own benefit.

In the *Multinational* case at the time of the transfer the company concerned was solvent and what the directors had done at the bidding of the shareholders was to make a business decision in good faith and act on that decision which subsequently turned out to be a bad decision.

In the present case Mr Dodd was guilty of a breach of duty and the declaration sought ought to be made against him.

Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Caultfield agreed.

Solicitors: Penningtons Ward Bowie for Flint Hand, Worcester; Alexander & Co, Gloucester.

Police may not withhold surveillance evidence

Regina v Brown (R. B.) Regina v Daley

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Hodgson and Mr Justice Roush

[Judgment November 17]

At the trial of defendants charged with theft of money taken from the back of a parked car, the trial judge was not entitled to allow the police to withhold evidence as to the colour and make of an unmarked police vehicle which had been involved in a surveillance operation in the area.

Their Lordships so held when allowing the appeals of Richard B. Brown and Desmond Roy Daley from their convictions on June 5, 1987 at Southwark Crown Court (Judge Rountree and a jury) of theft.

Mr Noah Weiniger, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants; Miss Joanna Glynn for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE HODGSON said that two police officers who had been involved in the surveillance operation gave evidence that they had actually seen the offence being committed; another officer said that he had seen Brown run to a motor car driven by Daley. The case for the defence was that part of the account of the surveillance on that day was fictitious.

Counsel for the defence had to ask questions to elicit that the surveillance had been conducted. It soon became clear that the police officers had decided to omit what they could to ensure that details of the surveillance operation should be kept as secret as possible.

It was equally clear that

counsel for the prosecution had not been told that her witnesses would seek to avoid answering any questions about the surveillance operation. She had to take instructions and those were given to her by the officer in charge of the surveillance operation which the defence contended had included a concerted story.

The judge allowed the prosecution to withhold the information about the car. In terms he excluded it on the ground of public policy.

It seemed clear to their Lordships that the extension of the exclusionary rule in *R v Rankine* (1986) QB 861 to prevent the identification of the occupier of

premises and the premises themselves used for surveillance was based only upon the protection of the owner or occupier of the premises being used and not, as had been submitted for the Crown, on the actual identity, simplicity, of the observation post.

Their Lordships had been referred to no authority where the court has held that the making public of police methods or techniques was a public policy ground which would justify a judge in ruling inadmissible relevant evidence.

But if and when such arguments were to be raised it must be done properly. The Crown Prosecution Service must ensure that counsel was properly instructed to make the application and to identify with precision the evidence sought to be excluded and the reasons for its exclusion.

Also, the judge must be given as much information as possible and the application must be supported not by the instructions of the junior officer in charge of the case but the independent evidence of a senior officer.

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Public opinion irrelevant factor

Regina v Wilkinson Before Lord Justice Neill, Mr Justice Peter Pain and Mr Justice Owen

[Judgment given November 17] It was wrong for a judge to impose a custodial sentence in order to satisfy public opinion.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing the appeal of Gannon Francis Wilkinson against the sentence of 18 months' youth custody imposed on him on August 18, 1987 at Warwick Crown Court (Judge Thomas Dillon, QC) on conviction of causing grievous bodily harm, actual bodily harm and reckless driving. A probation order for 12 months was substituted, six months of which were to be spent at the probation hostel to which he had been sent while on bail.

Judge Dillon, however, said that public opinion would follow if the appellant were freed and, although appreciating that Wilkinson would feel that he was being treated unjustly, one

injustice had to be balanced against another.

In their Lordships' view the judge was wrong to sentence the appellant to a term of youth custody on the basis of public opinion. The change of atmosphere on the question whether the law should be amended to increase sentences was not a matter which could be taken into account by a judge. That was a matter for Parliament.

The fact that there was public discussion on leniency in sentencing was no reason for the courts to depart from the general principle, clearly laid down by the Court of Appeal, that the resort to bail and probation hostels should be encouraged: *see R v Gillam* (1980) 2 Cr App R (S) 267. Those were valuable weapons which should not be blunted in any way.

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Farm Week has strong claims following fine Kempton effort

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Toby Balding and Graham Bradley, the trainer and jockey intent on winning this year's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury next Saturday with Kildimo, also have a good chance of lifting the Reynolds Novices' Hurdle Cup at Wolverhampton today with Farm Week.

On his seasonal debut at Kempton Park earlier this month, this five-year-old, by General Ironside, was no match for either Away We Go or Bilkid Blues.

When you recall how well the former then won at Ascot last Saturday, the high esteem in which the latter is also held, that was not surprising.

Farm Week finished eight lengths in front of the fourth horse, Slalom, in the Kempton race and he opposes again this

afternoon on the same terms.

When they were trained in Ireland last season Slalom was arguably the better. But the fact remains he has still got quite a way to make up on my selection this afternoon judged on their only run this season.

Winning form is boasted by Blacket Run, Iron Gray and Theodora, but should not be capable of giving the other two weight.

Tartan Torchlight (1.30) and Border Rambler (2.30) are taken to give Gordon Richards and Phil Tuck two bites of the cherry of success.

Tartan Torchlight has drawn much the easier of the two divisions of the Brockton Novices' Chase and he should win if he reproduces the form which has already seen him placed in similar races at

Hexham and Sedgefield.

Travelling companion Border Rambler ran third behind Samfai and Battlefield at Catterick Bridge earlier this month. A repetition of that running should be enough to set off the Huntingdon winner Troop The Colour, as well as Pembrokehire Lad, in the Boar's Head Trophy Chase.

On a day when really good bets are hard to find, Public Franchise is expected to win the Tadcaster Novices' Hurdle at Wetherby.

When he was runner-up in his only race so far over hurdles, on this same course a little over three weeks ago, he was beaten less than two lengths by Royal Illusion who has won again at Newcastle in the meantime.

Equally important, the third horse, Leavenworth, who was four lengths adrift that afternoon, has also won since, giving the form that extra bite.



Dublin's famous Phoenix Park racecourse was badly hit by fire at the weekend with a centre section of the grandstand completely gutted, and the roof hanging loose.

No one was hurt in the blaze which destroyed the members' bar, disco and video bar in the complex. It is strongly suspected that the fire was started by children who were seen playing in the area with lighted papers.

An open-air market is traditionally held at the course each Sunday and the market closed at 4.45pm, just minutes before the fire started.

Course manager, Teddy Tighe, said: "It's heartbreaking. The damage has been estimated at over £1.1 million."

"Fortunately, although we have lost part of the newly-extended grandstand, the old grandstand has survived and we should have recovered in time for the start of next year's Flat season."

Convinced's poor show leaves Pipe baffled

Martin Pipe continued his winning ways with a double through One To Mark and Leading Role at Leicester yesterday, but the Somerset trainer was mystified when Convinced, second favourite for next spring's Champion Hurdle, was pulled up before the second last flight in the Thorne Satchville Hurdle.

Peter Scudamore had convinced that the horse was fit enough to do himself justice, and that he was mystified and disappointed with his performance.

Scudamore won the first division of the Stoughton Novices' Hurdle on One To Mark by 12 lengths from the 11-5 on favourite, Crystal Song, and took the Junior Selling Hurdle on another odds-on chance, Leading Role, by 15 lengths to bring Pipe's winners for the season to 40.

The champion jockey made it a 13th-1 treble when he landed the second division of the novices hurdle on Hope Diamond for Nick Gascoigne.

Scudamore has now ridden 56 winners this season, and reached his half century a fortnight before Jonjo O'Neill put his 50 when he broke the record with 59 winners in the 1977-78 season.

Speculation over Stoute jockey plans

Newmarket trainer Michael Stoute was last night returning from the Breeders' Cup meeting in California amid growing speculation about his stable's future jockey arrangements.

Stoute, who replaced his current No 1 rider, Walter Swinburn, with America's Laffey on the 11th of October, is reported to have offered Paul Eddery a job as second string for next season.

Eddery, who recently married Rae Gault's sister, Sally, is still on his honeymoon, and was available for comment.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the stable said: "I cannot confirm anything until Mr Stoute returns home. He may make a statement later."

Less than a week before losing the ride on Soak Lady, Swinburn was arrested for drunkenness in London's West End, but was released without being charged.

Kildimo was all the rage with Corals yesterday for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday, and has been set to 11-4 favourite from Contradict, 18-1 Gainsay, 14-1 bar.

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Noble Eye, 2.15 Pwys Coeur, 1.45 Cirochro Stream, 2.15 Pwys Coeur, 2.45 Bernadette's Glen, 3.15 Owen's Pride, 3.45 Bernadette's Glen, 2.45 BORLEAFRAS.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 BORLEAFRAS.

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IOC president continues to play a straight bat whatever the bowling from the Koreans

Eastern European warning to Korea

Guangzhou, Canton
South Korea has been warned that it must not regard the acceptance by individual countries of invitations to the Olympic Games in Seoul as a political triumph. This point was strongly emphasized by several Eastern European representatives at informal meetings with Juan Antonio Samaranch, the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), here during China's sixth National Games.

It was a wise move for the IOC to have decided after the 1984 games that invitations would henceforth be issued by it and not by the host city. This eliminates some of the political pressures.

It is understood that East Germany has reiterated their intention, under present circumstances, of attending the summer's games. While the present South Korean presidential election campaign is not a matter of concern for the East Germans, their attendance in Seoul, it is implied, would not constitute acceptance of the Korean political situation should the ruling Government retain power.

This substantiates the present optimism within the Olympic

COMMENTARY

David Miller

Chief Sports Correspondent

movement that the leading Socialist countries, including China, will be among those present at the largest Games of all time. Chinese Government and Olympic officials stated emphatically here that their country "will continue to support the Olympic movement".

North Korea, however, continue to play hard to get though there is a noticeable absence of remorse among some of their supposed allies.

Yu Sun Kim, the North Korean IOC member, has been here for the Chinese Games, and over the weekend repeated the present stance of the Pyongyang regime. They are less interested now in the IOC's proposals for partial hosting, and instead are seeking a joint team. They will wait before making further approach to the South

Koreans until the election result on December 16 is known.

Yu Sun Kim implies they are sure that if the opposition wins the election they can easily reach agreement on parading a joint team at the opening ceremony, as East and West Germany at the 1988 Games in Mexico City.

Samaranch continues to play a diplomatic straight bat, whatever the bowling. He might justifiably have complained against light and walked off the pitch long ago; but his concern is to keep the Olympic movement together and leave the initiative for as long as possible in the North Korean camp.

Of as much concern to SLOOC, the Seoul organizers, should be the serious disorganization beginning to emerge - as in so many major international events - from the ticket and hotel administration. Australian and United States Olympic officials report that general agents cannot yet obtain the release of accommodation to go with competition tickets, and are therefore unable to advertise package details. The British Olympic Association was yesterday not aware, as yet, of the problem, but are acquiring with their travel agents.

While SLOOC handles event tickets, hotel rooms are being organized by the Korean Tourist Board, which has retained more than 70 per cent of all rooms. The Tourist Board is hoping, of course, to fill the Olympic Family Village, where rooms are \$55 (£31) a night, but there are disquieting stories of a freelance travel agent, with access to accommodation, who is already hawking black-market hotel rooms. SLOOC need to act fast.

Collaboration with Hong Kong

The experience of visiting the province of Guangdong has been most moving. In the period of post-culture revolution, the people of South East China have re-emerged as one of the most energetic, humorous and entrepreneurial. Their collaboration with Hong Kong investment projects provides a fascinating picture of Communist adjustment from which it will be difficult to turn back. The governor of Guangdong stated as much at an

official luncheon yesterday. "The way is forward," he stressed.

The Chinese give to sport, as they do to everything, a vigour that is infectious. I have just returned from the acrobatics competition, a branch of gymnastics which involves multiple exercises between two, three and four competitors, with phenomenal leaps, somersaults and balancing acts.

I personally found these, including the involvement of their well-known Olympic competitor, Li Ning, so much more difficult and interesting than, say, conventional women's floor exercises which, with respect to Olga Korbut, are an amalgam of ballet and acrobatics without genuinely being either. Acrobatics would be a better addition to the Olympic programme than the clever but tediously repetitive synchronized swimming, which we have boringly watched.

I went one evening to the theatre, or rather a music hall. The programme opened with 500 primary school violinists, aged 6, playing two classical works. There were operatic singers, pop groups, and a full orchestra and the state army brass band, a phenomenal juggler simultaneously keeping

eight rings in the air and bouncing a football on his forehead, and acrobats jumping through hoops at something over two metres, approaching the world high-jump record, and the Canton equivalent of Morecambe and Wise. An audience of 1,000 or so applauded warmly, and never stopped talking throughout.

When Henry Fok, a Hong Kong millionaire businessman, and also a member of the FIFA executive board, opened the new luxurious White Swan hotel recently, he needed 3,000 staff and local management. None of them had ever done the job before. Yet from the start, the hotel operated flawlessly.

The Chinese are responding to opportunity, which includes international sport, with an overwhelming wish to improve themselves. At a temple of Buddha, in Foshan City, 5,000 years old, my guide was a shy, diminutive student, aged 19, from the local language college, studying English for only one year. At the end, knowing I was involved in sport, she asked if I could give her my address. What, I asked, would she like me to write to her about. "Write to tell me about wonderful events," she said.

ICE SKATING

Conway's blemish adds fresh incentive

By John Hennessy

Joanne Conway, of North Shields, took the first confident step towards retaining her status as British women's figure skating champion at Lee Valley yesterday. Despite a late hiccup, she was placed first in the compulsory figures by all seven judges.

Gina Fulton, from Scarsdale, Durham, received a unanimous vote of confidence in second place, leaving Fiona Ritchie, from Dulais, the British junior champion, third.

The one unexpected blemish on Miss Conway's performance was in the last figure, the loops, ordinarily her best. She was third in the world championship loops last season and last month pipped Debi Thomas, of the United States, the former world champion, in Skate Canada.

This time, however, Miss Conway was once off balance, although she still won when Miss Fulton's two circles did not match. Yet there was one feather in her cap when one judge, Elizabeth Currie, placed her first in the counters with 3.7 to 3.5.

The strongest challenge to Miss Conway in the last figure came from Alison Laws, from Sunderland. Miss Laws, fourth overall, was placed first by the RAC RAC jury, giving Miss Conway by Wendy Uley.

Miss Conway is such a strong favourite that, curiously, this may be an impediment. Two years ago, aged 14 (the youngest for 32 years), she pulled out everything to displace Suzanne Jackson, but last year she was motivated by defending her title and now feels she must make a special effort to get up.

The draw for today's short programme, as though stage-managed, has placed the first three in reverse order, giving Miss Conway the advantage of knowing what she has to do to hold Miss Fulton at bay. Perhaps that will provide the motivation she may need for complete self-satisfaction.

RESULTS: 1. J Conway (Sunderland), 2. G Fulton (Sunderland), 1.2. 3. F Ritchie (Dulais), 2.4. 4. A Laws (Sunderland), 3.0. 5. J Fox (Paisley), 3.5.

BOXING

Warren's show may not go on

By Srikanth Sen

Boxing Correspondent
Frank Warren's show at Wembley tonight is in danger of being knocked out by Gary Cooper. The official challenger for the British light-middleweight championship was still refusing last night to meet Gary Sturges, a late replacement for Lloyd Hibbert, the champion, who suddenly decided to retire on Friday.

Despite a weekend of negotiations involving the boxing board and Cooper's manager, Jack Bishop, and threats by Warren to go to trial, the show has not yet been agreed. Warren, who appeared to be standing by his view that having signed to meet an orthodox boxer in Hibbert, Cooper could not be expected, at such short notice, to take on a southpaw.

Warren claimed that Bishop's refusal to let Cooper box would put him in breach of contract. According to Warren, the contract provides that if one of the contestants drops out, a mutually agreed substitute can step in. If the parties still disagree the boxing board's choice must be accepted. The board has accepted Sturges as a suitable opponent.

Sturges was called in on Friday after Hibbert decided to retire because "he cannot give me any more". His manager, Nobby Nobbs, said: "He has personal problems. He can't train properly any more. I tried to dissuade him but he won't listen. This is the second time that Hibbert has retired, the first being in 1983 after losing an eliminator to Lloyd Hibbert."

Sturges himself has not boxed for nine months because of a dispute with his manager, Mike Barrett, over a clash of personalities, according to his trainer, Johnny Clark.

Clark said his charge has been in training and was only too glad to be called up as he had not earned anything from boxing and was "getting rather upset". Sturges was voted the *Grandstand* "Best young prospect" last year and has lost only one of his 16 contests, on a clash of heads. He fought out the last four months of his contract with Barrett for £5,700 and is now with Warren.

At 30, Cooper is a vastly more experienced boxer, has a good chin, good stamina and can hit, though he is not a big puncher.

RUGBY UNION

Leinster give vote to Egan

The Leinster selectors have opted for Karl Egan, the flanker, and Mark Ryan (Lansdowne) to join the squad after two places were left vacant at last week's union selection meeting (see page 47). Egan, from St Mary's College, is given the vote over Paul Collins.

Colin Morrison, the lock who missed meeting Munster and Connacht, is a certain starter for Ulster after playing for Munster against NIF and David Irwin, the Ulster captain, is optimistic of recovering from a shoulder injury. Irwin's injury compounded a black day for instantiations, the senior league section one champions who were crushed 28-7 by Bangor.

Finn stays calm to keep lead

By Andrew Longmore

Juha Kankkunen maintained his slender lead throughout the second day of the Lombard RAC Rally. The Finn kept calm through sleet, snow and an overflow of spectators that caused the third stage through Haften to be cancelled. But the drive of the day came from Walker, who drove the Peugeot 205, who became the British lady driver since Pat Moss 23 years ago, to get into the top ten of the RAC Rally. She ended the day a remarkable eighth.

Just under half-way through the Rally, Kankkunen, the world champion, leads from his Lancia team colleagues, Mikael Ericsson and Markku Alen. Ericsson rolled his Lancia in the Welsh forests and damaged his steering rack, but still held on to second place, just 56sec behind the leader.

Alen, in contrast, was most unhappy, particularly in the morning. "It is bad luck to be first car on the road in the snow. I lost maybe a minute to the other two," the Finn said. Later in the day, however, Alen slowly eroded Kankkunen's lead, and by the end of the day he was 1min 14sec behind.

Per Eklund, in the Audi, relished the harsh conditions and, at one stage during the morning, reached second place, before falling back with power steering and alternator faults.

The Ford Sierras of McKay and Blomqvist battled hard in adverse conditions, but McKay suffered a cracked sump, which could not be repaired until the evening, and his co-driver had to sit with a tin of oil between his knees for the rest of the day. McKay still ended as the top British driver just ahead of Russell Brooks who, again, drove steadily.

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MOTOR RALLYING: WELSHMEN MORRIS AND McATEER TRY COOKING UP A WINNING TEAM



Leader: Kankkunen holds Lancia's advantage after yesterday's stage of the RAC Lombard rally (Photograph: Doug Forest)

Double act keeps Lancia in running

By Andrew Longmore

The RAC Lombard Rally does funny things to people. Spectators get up at extraordinary hours in the morning to watch cars in the snow, calm people rant and rave and two Welshmen, who would never be seen with a frying pan in their hands in their own kitchen, cook breakfast each morning for a host of Italians, and one or two Scandinavians.

For most of the year, Will Morris and Andy McAteer work in the nuclear power station near their home in Blaenau Ffestio. For the four days of the rally, they take on a different character, cooking, cleaning and shopping for the Lancia-Maritelli rally team. And they dispense a vast number of breakfasts from a kitchen the size of a telephone box.



"I never do the cooking at home," McAteer says. "My wife does it all. So don't tell her about this or she might think I enjoy it."

The Welshmen are a vital part of the huge Lancia team, which includes three service vans and at least seven cars with mechanics and engineers. They all have special service areas. McAteer has a special service book, which marks exactly where they are supposed to be and when. But they are also useful because of their local knowledge through contacts

they took private service areas for the Lancia team on the Welsh stages.

They got the job through local contacts. Mr. Morris had done a lot of club rallying himself in Wales and last year was asked by the Lancia co-ordinator for England if he would like to help out.

By the time the rally finishes tomorrow evening, the pair will have covered over 16,000 miles, bought more than £200,000 of food and cooked close to eighty breakfasts, quite apart from other meals. At times their van resembles a mobile Tower of Babel as they converse in Welsh, against a background of Italian mechanics and Finnish drivers. But they get paid for something they have done away for ten years - and they love to be involved.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

MAIDENHEAD: Inter Club 5.25-mile cross-country. 1. D. Clark (Windsor), 2. S. G. (Windsor), 3. D. G. (Windsor), 4. S. G. (Windsor), 5. D. G. (Windsor), 6. S. G. (Windsor), 7. D. G. (Windsor), 8. S. G. (Windsor), 9. D. G. (Windsor), 10. S. G. (Windsor).

BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S LEAGUE: First division. Crystal Palace 55, Sheffield 44, Central YMCA 74, 2nd division. 1. Crystal Palace, 2. Sheffield, 3. Central YMCA, 4. Crystal Palace, 5. Sheffield, 6. Central YMCA, 7. Crystal Palace, 8. Sheffield, 9. Central YMCA, 10. Crystal Palace.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: East. Kent 1, Lancashire 0, Suffolk 0, Cambridgeshire 0, Devon 0, Gloucestershire 0, Hampshire 0, Wiltshire 0, Dorset 0, Somerset 0, West Devon 0, Cornwall 0, Devon 0, Gloucestershire 0, Hampshire 0, Wiltshire 0, Dorset 0, Somerset 0, West Devon 0, Cornwall 0.

RUGBY UNION

REDFOOTSHIRE CUP: Second round. Redfootshire 10, Gloucestershire 10, Gloucestershire 10, Gloucestershire 10, Gloucestershire 10, Gloucestershire 10, Gloucestershire 10, Gloucestershire 10, Gloucestershire 10, Gloucestershire 10.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Noel Bruce Cup. Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10.

SHOW JUMPING

BEULIE: First Welsh Cup. Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10.

SPEED SKATING

MEERBEEK: The Netherlands Men's World Cup. Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10.

TENNIS

ITAPPA: Italian Fed Cup. Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10.

JUDO

ESSEN: World championship. Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10.

KARATE

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men's individual. Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10.

BOWLS

INDOOR COUNTY MATCHES: (at Harrogate) Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10.

WEIGHTLIFTING

BEIJING: Chinese National Games. Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10, Bournemouth 10.

McClair drops out as Scots make changes

Mc Johnston, of Nantes, and Eric Black, of Metz, who were unavailable for Scotland's last match against Bulgaria are recalled for their country's final European championship match against Luxembourg on tomorrow night. The two forwards were unavailable for the match in Sofia because of French League matches on the same evening.

The recall of Johnston and Black means that there is no place for Brian McClair, Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach emphasized, however, that the Manchester United forward remains a part of his future plans.

Willie Miller, the durable Aberdeen central defender, is also back after being ruled out through injury last time. Roy Aitken, the Celtic manager, will again, celebrates his 29th birthday today with a new contract which ties him to the Parkhead club until 1992. Aitken has 18 months remaining on his existing contract but Billy McNeill, the Celtic manager, was happy to transfer to Celtic for the rest of his career.

Liverpool trial of fire for Bassett

By Ian Ross

The full extent of the damage caused to Warford in the sale of the club by Elton John, the chairman, could be clinically exposed at Anfield tonight.

With his future in serious doubt, Dave Bassett, the Warford manager, needs his side to show the discipline missing this season as it attempts to suppress Liverpool, the championship favourites.

An unenviable task has been made all the more daunting by Liverpool's failure to defeat Norwich City, Kevin Dalgleish, the Liverpool manager, will almost certainly keep faith with Peter Beardsley, the England forward who was substituted on Saturday and who has not yet recovered from the form that prompted his £1.9 million transfer. Dalgleish is set to name an unchanged line-up as Liverpool

GOLF

WPGA opts to delay

By Patricia Davies

Yesterday was meant to be decision day, the day the Women's Professional Golf Association (WPGA) would say whether it intended to continue its affiliation with the PGA or whether it would become an independent body. However, Maxine Burton, the chairman of the WPGA, has asked for more talks and Derek Nash, her PGA counterpart, has agreed.

The proposals the PGA put to us were not exactly in keeping with what we wanted," Miss Burton said, "and we'd like to go to the board again and have another chat. We're going to negotiate but we must prepare to go into the details at the moment."

Miss Burton stressed that there was no animosity between the sides and Nash confirmed

RACKETS

Double for Radley pair

By William Stephens

When James Male and Julian Snow won the Noel Bruce Cup at last year's competition for Radley on Sunday at Queen's Club, it was the school's first appearance in the final. They defeated the brothers, Mark and Paul Nicholls, who were looking to give Malvern their first win in 15-12, 15-11, 18-17. Male's pace and brilliant winners together with Snow's incisive service and naggling length caused a Radclavian victory.

Male is the open singles champion but Snow

